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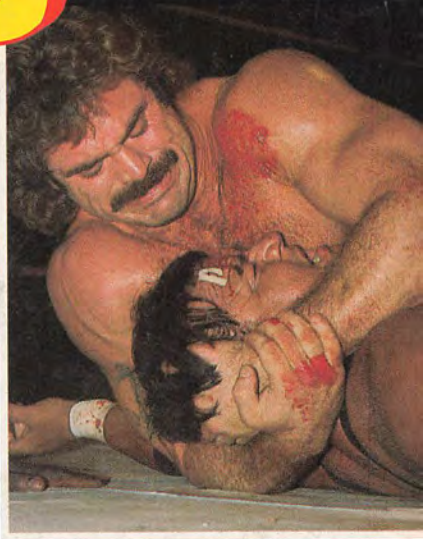
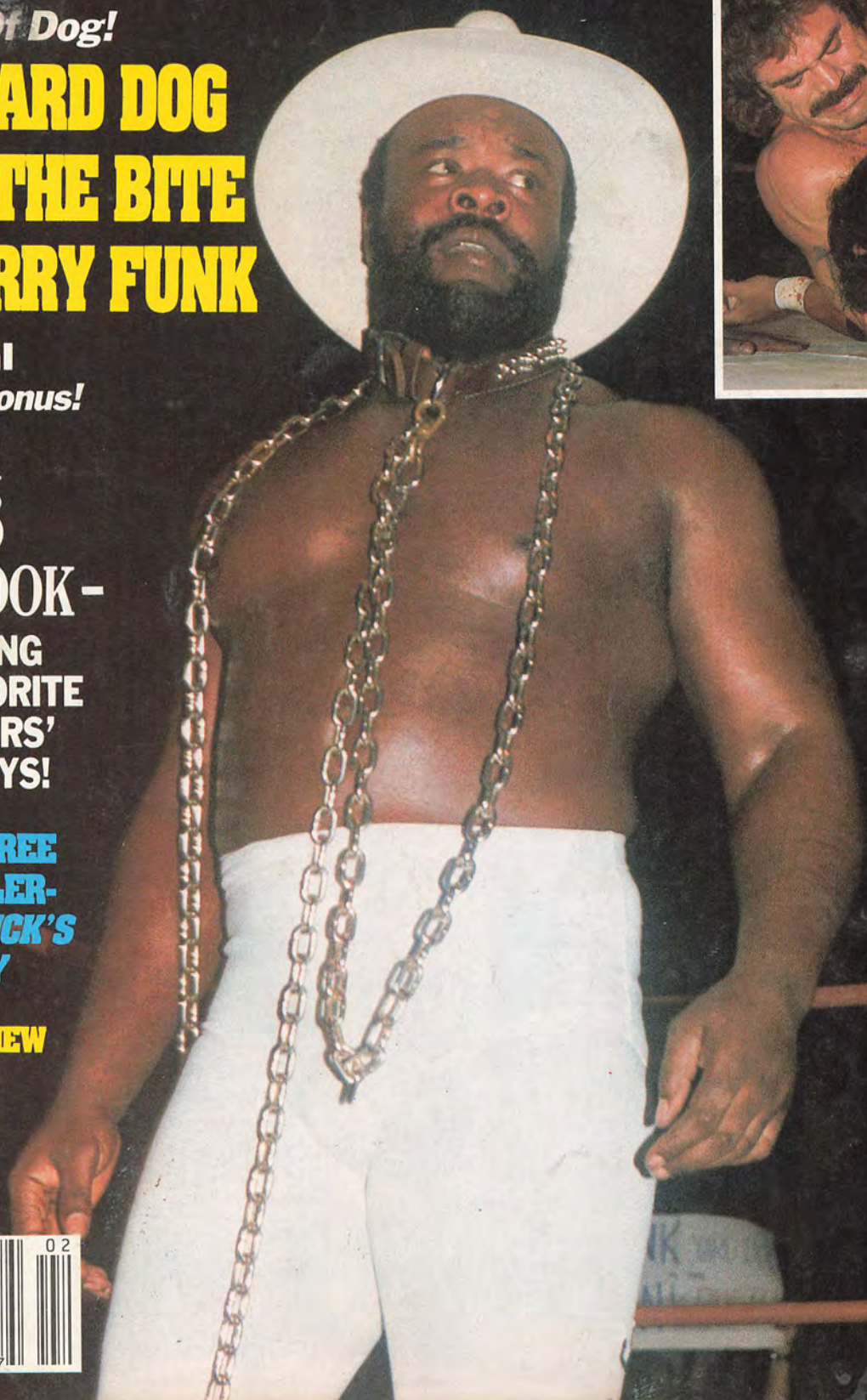
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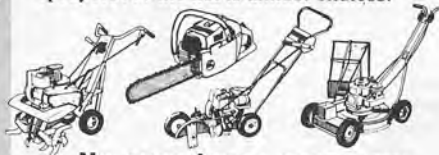
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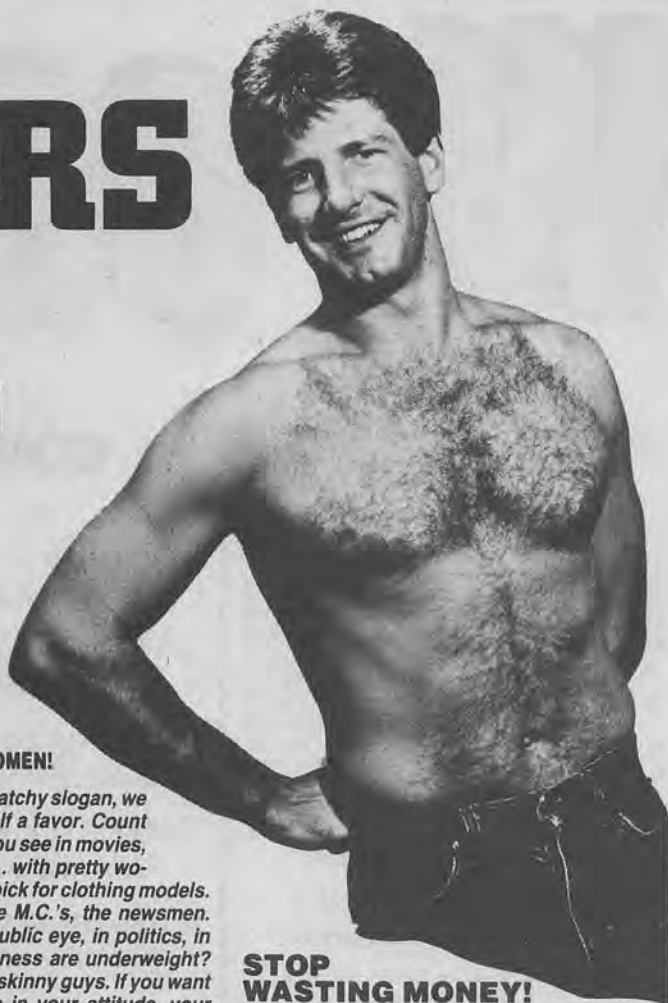
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Junkyard Dog dances with a young fan before a match in Cleveland. Reader Chad Tons respects JYD's wrestling talent, but feels he is perpetuating the black stereotype with his "jive boogying."

LOST IN THE JUNK

The Junkyard Dog is the best, a blue-ribbon candidate, a canine extraordinaire. With a couple of breaks, the Dog could be WWF Intercontinental champion. At WrestleMania, JYD had Greg Valentine at his mercy. I have never seen Valentine so confounded and confused. It is a tribute to the Dog's versatility that he was able to tie Valentine up constantly, the same Valentine that has given Hulk Hogan so many tough matches. Now that Tito Santana is the Intercontinental champion and Hogan remains WWF champion, I think that it's time for JYD to pick up stakes and take it to another territory. By staying in the WWF, he's definitely barking up the wrong tree. He's much too good of a wrestler to not be wrestling for a title.

But most important, it's my feeling that his jive boogying before and after the matches is just plain old Uncle Tomming. Even though it appears to fit in neatly with the rest of the WWF's zany romper room activities, I find its racial overtones are demeaning and vicious. See the black man dance along . . . c'mon, this is 1985. Terry Funk's racist attacks on Mel Phillips

and Roddy Piper's caustic ethnic slurs make the WWF and its employees contemptuous role models. I fail to see the humor in perpetuating violent racial prejudice. I would like to see JYD wrestle in surroundings better suited to his skills and personality, rather than doing his Uncle Remus to fill Vince McMahon's bank account.

CHAD TONS

Beverly Hills, CA

(Editor's Note: See Matt Brock's feature story on the Junkyard Dog-Terry Funk feud beginning on page 34).

TAYLOR MADE FOR HER

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THE TATTER

LOUISVILLE, KY: "You can't tell the players without a scorecard," was something the seasoned vendors at the Mid-South Coliseum haven't barked much lately, because even with a program it is tough to untangle the confusion that has overcome the Mid-Southern area recently. Follow this:

Early in 1985, the wildly popular Jerry Lawler promised his fans that he would possess a world championship by the end of the year or retire permanently from the ring. With the calendar about to show its last page, Lawler had begun a slow panic, especially with NWA champion Ric Flair soon due into Memphis for his last series of title shots this year.



JERRY LAWLER

Flair is on record saying that he would only wrestle the Southern champion during this tour, so it was up to Lawler to secure a title match against Southern champion Bill Dun-

dee. Dundee, aware of Flair's stipulation, refused to give Lawler a title shot.

Despondent, Lawler cancelled his matches and went on an alcoholic binge, claiming that he had retired from the ring. Dundee went on television and called Lawler a "lowlife coward." Meanwhile, Jerry Jarrett, wrestling under a mask as the Hawaiian Flash, challenged Dundee to a match. Dundee accepted, saying that he could "destroy this masked fraud" in one minute.

When the Hawaiian Flash showed up for the match against Dundee it was obvious that it was not Jerry Jarrett behind the mask. But who is it? A very sober "King of Wrestling," Jerry Lawler. Lawler lost the match by disqualification, but there was a rematch clause in the contract, and he now stands to face Dundee again, before Flair comes to town.

A red-faced Dundee claimed that despite the contract, he will never face the Hawaiian Flash or Jerry Lawler in the ring again. Lawler is so confident of a victory that he is already busy preparing for his title match against Flair.

—Randy Swift

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THE QUESTION:

"Should active wrestlers be allowed to double as broadcast journalists on television?"

THE ANSWERS:

William Barber, Helena, MT: "Absolutely. Most of the announcers I hear don't have the slightest idea of what wrestling's all about. They don't know what to call the moves—if they're stuck, they just call it a 'reverse whatchababy' or an 'inverted doohick-ey' to cover their ignorance. I'm sick of those blow-dried game show graduates pretending they know the sport. I think all announcers should be wrestlers, or ex-wrestlers. They can educate the casual fan."

Burt Frank, St. Paul, MN: "I'm sick and tired of these guys slapping on mikes and figuring they can win their battles from the broadcasting booth. Roddy Piper has spent most of his career bullying scientific wrestlers into a frenzy. He's even attacked men while interviewing them! What kind of self-respecting journalist would do that? Any active wrestler is bound to start trouble with their enemies—they're all animals anyway. It's stupid to pretend they'll be objective."



Roddy Piper's live "Piper's Pit" interview with Bruno Sammartino in New York's Madison Square Garden broke down to the point where The Rowdy Scot drove a chair into the "Living Legend's" face.

George Rinzone, Linden, NJ: "You've got to be kidding. Is there any doubt that Jesse Ventura is the most brilliant wrestling analyst on television? What do you want to do, pull his license for sharing his genius with the masses? By consistently making the sorry likes of Vince McMahon, Gorilla Monsoon, and Gene Okerlund look foolish, The Body's proven that a great broadcaster *must* stay sharp in the ring to shake it on down in the booth."

Elena Spiegelman, Irving, TX: "If the New York Mets were playing in the World Series, the networks wouldn't let Dwight Gooden do color commentary on a day he wasn't pitching. Similarly, I don't think an active wrestler like Jesse Ventura should be allowed to do commentary on what is, to put it succinctly, his own team, the WWF. He's always mouthing off about how unbiased he is, but listen to him talk

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SCRAPBOOK

**DEC 1965/
JAN 1966**



Gene Kiniski started a three-year NWA World title reign with his victory over Lou Thesz in St. Louis.

GENE KINISKI won the NWA World title from Lou Thesz in St. Louis on January 7, 1966 ... Fred Blassie was given the nickname "Vampire" because of the pleasure he seemed to derive from making his opponents bleed. "My next victim will be that spaghetti bender Bruno Sammartino," Blassie told a national television audience. Well Blassie got his match, he made Bruno bleed, but he absorbed a bloody beating as well. And Bruno walked away with his WWF belt ... King Curtis continually crippled his opponents, and promoters seriously

considered banning him from the ring forever ... The team of Bruiser and Crusher took the Midwest by storm ... The junior heavyweight championship made a dramatic change from longtime titleholder Danny Hodge to young Hiro



Hiro Matsuda takes Danny Hodge over and down en route to winning the NWA junior heavyweight title. Hodge, who dominated that division for years, vowed to regain his championship.

Matsuda. Hodge said he would win his title back at any cost ... NWA RATINGS: 1—Gene Kiniski; 2—Lou Thesz; 3—Bob Orton Sr.; 4—Chris Tolos; 5—Dick the Bruiser; 6—Fritz Von Erich; 7—Karl Gotch; 8—Bulldog Brower; 9—Eddie Graham; 10—Don Leo Jonathan. AWA RATINGS: 1—Verne Gagne; 2—Crusher; 3—Pat O'Connor; 4—Larry Hamilton; 5—Reggie Parks; 6—Billy Red Cloud; 7—Mad Dog Vachon; 8—Sonny Myers; 9—Doug Gilbert; 10—Rene Goulet. WWF RATINGS: 1—Bruno Sammartino; 2—Gene Kiniski; 3—Waldo Von Erich; 4—Bill Watts; 5—Fred Blassie; 6—Bobo Brazil; 7—Gorilla Monsoon; 8—Haystacks Calhoun; 9—Jerry Graham; 10—Luke Graham.

**DEC 1970/
JAN 1971**

A CAPACITY MADISON Square Garden crowd sat in stunned silence as Bruno Sammartino's 7½-year title reign was abruptly halted by Ivan Koloff. Koloff delivered a



This historic leap by Ivan Koloff would end Bruno Sammartino's WWF title reign after 7½ years. Nobody cheered the title change; nobody booed. The Madison Square Garden fans sat in shock.

kneedrop from the top rope, setting up Bruno for the historic pin ... Bull Ramos threatened to sue the National Wrestling Alliance, claiming he defeated champion Dory Funk Jr. and was entitled to his belt. After six weeks of canvassing for signatures for a petition, Ramos presented the NWA with a total of 38 names, all signed with similar handwriting ... Louis Tillet had to make regular visits to the hospital to receive treatment for injuries suffered at the hands of The Outlaws, Dick Murdoch and Dusty Rhodes ... The New York
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Hector Dillon,
Jersey City, NJ**



KING KONG BUNDY

"You gotta put up with fans who call you a fat freak, and you can't beat 'em up because there'll be hell to pay if you do. Any little gerbil who thinks I'm fat, I challenge 'em to punch me in the stomach! Their fist'll bounce right off! The only freak of nature I know is Andre the Giant, the fattest, ugliest fool I've ever seen! Why don't they call him a fat freak? He'll be a crippled tub of lard when Studd and I get through with him."



BUTCH REED

"It's got to be the travelin', man. Too many Holiday Inns and diner cheeseburgers can set your head spinning so fast that all you want to do is go home. Winter's got to be the worst for it, too—you can't go swimmin', and during the big storms you might not even be able to use the phone if the wires are down. Being a wrestler on the road's a lonely life. Sometimes I wonder why I bother with it, and then I hear a one-two-three and I *know* why!"



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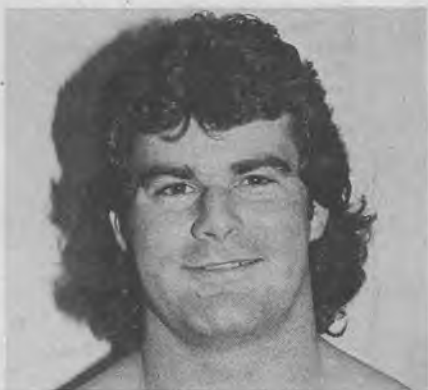
"Good lord, the bloody fans are so narrow-minded here in the States! I don't appreciate the jolly sardonic witticisms these peasants come up with, demeaning my masculinity and all. I'm an original, and the fans can't accept a bloke ahead of his time. I don't think I'll ever get used to the boos, because they make me despise the poor sods who drive pickup trucks over to the Piggly Wiggly for a good time."



KEVIN SULLIVAN

"It's unfortunate that my professional wrestling pursuits keep me away from my personal studies in demonic lore. I have been translating the *Necromonicon* into Druid, and I have been composing a 12-part electric organ concerto based upon the Enochian legend of Abughdadien, but the sporting life leaves me precious little time for other projects. I must spread the dark gospel and destroy the hapless messengers of white light, like the wretched Mulligan clan."

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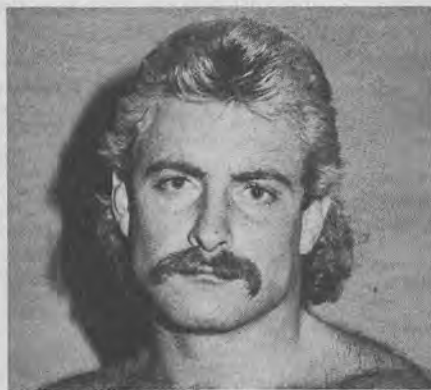
BRIAN ADIDAS

"I grew up thinking that professional wrestling was a fair, competitive sport. It didn't take me long to grow disillusioned about the honor of wrestling. Anywhere you go, if you wrestle by the rules, some rulebreaker tries to put you in the hospital. I may be a bachelor now, but I intend to raise me up a family someday, and I just wish a man could guarantee his wife and kids that he won't be crippled by some crazy jerk in the ring."



JIM CORNETTE

"The worst thing about professional wrestling is the preponderance of mediocrity! There is *no* tag team in professional wrestling that can rival the innovative technique and astonishing ability of my Midnight Express, and their competition consists of sissies and wandering whales. There is *no* manager in wrestling who can approximate my genius. I mean I stole Einstein's brain on ice and ate it on wheat toast for breakfast."



MAGNUM T.A.

"I must admit, I get worried about the possibility of serious injury. If Tully Blanchard and the Andersons pull a sneak-attack, they could pull my knees out of socket or give me lingering back trouble. See, when I get caught up in a feud, I'm fighting for my bread, my livelihood. Any rulebreaker knows it's relatively easy to end a man's career. I won't let it happen, but I wish I could just wrestle without having to fight scum."



RIC FLAIR

"I guess the worst part of wrestling for me now is the pressure of being world champion. Every day, every match, you have to be ready to perform at the height of your capabilities. A world champion can't have a bad day at the office, or he's through being champion. I feel much more pressure than I did at any other point in my career, and the mental strain can lead to stupid physical mistakes in the ring. Of course, I keep those to a minimum."



JERRY LAWLER

"The worst thing about this job is the lack of, I don't know, camaraderie I see in other professions. If you're working on a construction crew, for example, and a concrete block falls off of one of the top floors, one of your fellow workers is going to warn you. In other jobs, you always have someone covering your back. In wrestling, it's every man for himself, and you can't have any friends. It can be a lonely, frustrating life."



BUZZ SAWYER

"Wrestling is screwed! I hate it! But I love beatin' up on people, and leavin' 'em for dead! *Arrooogghh!* Other wrestlers are soft! That's what I hate! They don't like to bleed! *Arrrrr!* I want to wrestle a man who take it! I want to hit a man with a folding chair and see him stand there and spit in my face! Everybody here in the Mid-South stinks! *Arrooogghh!* What time is it? Crump Butchers are gettin' their delivery at 10, and I'm hungry!"

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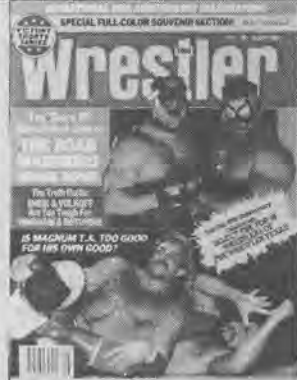
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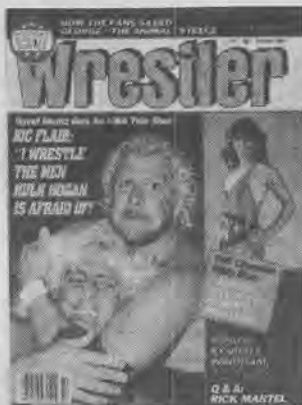
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February 1979/Stories include: Ladd, Flair, Idol, Heenan.



AUGUST 1985

May 1979/Stories include: Steamboat, Brody, Valiants, Race.
July 1979/Stories include: Wrestling II, Backlund, Sammartino, Andre.
August 1979/Stories include: Bockwinkel, Patera, Stevens, Superstar.
October 1979/Stories include: Flair, Valentine, Santana, Muraco.
December 1979/Stories include: Andre, Graham, Rhodes, Mascaras.
January 1980/Stories include: Race, Backlund, Snuka, Brisco.
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April 1980/Stories include: Rhodes, DiBiase, Youngblood, Wrestling II.
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OCTOBER 1985

November 1980/Stories include: Rich, Hogan, Snuka, Super Destroyers.
January 1981/Stories include: Valentine, Rhodes, Patera, Von Erich.
February 1981/Stories include: Zbyszko, Patera, Iron Sheik, Wrestling II.
March 1981/Stories include: Rich, Samoans, Blassie, Wrestling II.
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BUTCH REED

BUTCH REED IS experienced enough to know that success is the most temporal of states, that cheers can be boos with a twist of the lips. Even with that knowledge, Reed couldn't stop the smile that threatened to consume his entire face after he defeated Dick Murdoch to assume the office of North American champion. The celebration of Reed's triumph continued when he was informed by the editors of *Sports Review Wrestling* that he had been selected as February's Wrestler of the Month.

What sweetened the award for the Kansas City muscleman was a conversation he and Murdoch engaged in two weeks before their title bout. "Dicky leans over to me," goes Reed's story about their talk in a Memphis coffee shop, "and starts yapping to me about how he's hotter now than he's ever been. My man is rockin' the table back and forth crying out loud about how when he and Bruiser were bustin' each other up in '79 for the Missouri title, that they were the biggest thing in wrestling. Shoot! He goes on and on about these things that happened six years ago till he finally says he's bigger now than he was then, like I could care less.

"Then Murdoch pulls up real close, see, and tells me all about him and that Adonis cat and how big they were when they had them tag belts over in the WWF. And again he goes on about how much hotter he is now than he was then.

"Finally he says to me, talkin' to me in like a whisper, he says, 'Butch, I'm a lock for Wrestler of the Month. I'm the hottest thing going right now and I ain't planning on stopping.

"I don't say nothing. I figure we may be out for lunch, but this cat is out to lunch. Got me? Cause all the while I'm thinking that I'm gonna waste him and his North American title in two weeks. But I don't let on. We supposed to be good friends, me and Murdoch, though to tell the truth I've never felt all that comfortable around him.

"After our match I went over to Murdoch and I say, 'Yo, cuz, I guess your Wrestler of the Month just took off like a birdie.' I was kiddin the guy but he grabbed a chair and started after me.

"I'm glad now, though, because, like I said, I was never too crazy about the guy to begin with. And with what's comin' down with Flair's bounty and all, I can only hang with people who I can trust. It's gettin' natty out there."

Reed makes reference to the \$50,000 bounty that Ric Flair has placed on the head of the North American champion. The bounty was increased from \$25,000 after

Reed won the title.

"That busted Murdoch up right bad," said Reed, barely hiding a smile. "As soon as Flair learned that I was the new champ, he raised his bounty. Murdoch was mad. Boy, was he mad! Now I got him comin' after me along with his new pals Slater and Sawyer."

Indeed, it didn't take long for Buzz Sawyer and Dick Slater, men with rabbit ears whenever the talk turns to large sums of money, to cast their lot after Reed. But it remains Murdoch, the cattle baron from Waxahachie, Texas, who looms as Reed's biggest threat and rival.

Their championship match, occurring, as Reed said, at a time when both men leaned closer to friendship than enmity, was a well thought out, strategically impressive battle. Murdoch methodically worked on Reed's legs, guessing that they were the source of his great power. Reed plodded through the first half of the 35-minute match, parrying most of Murdoch's maneuvers with speed rather than strength.

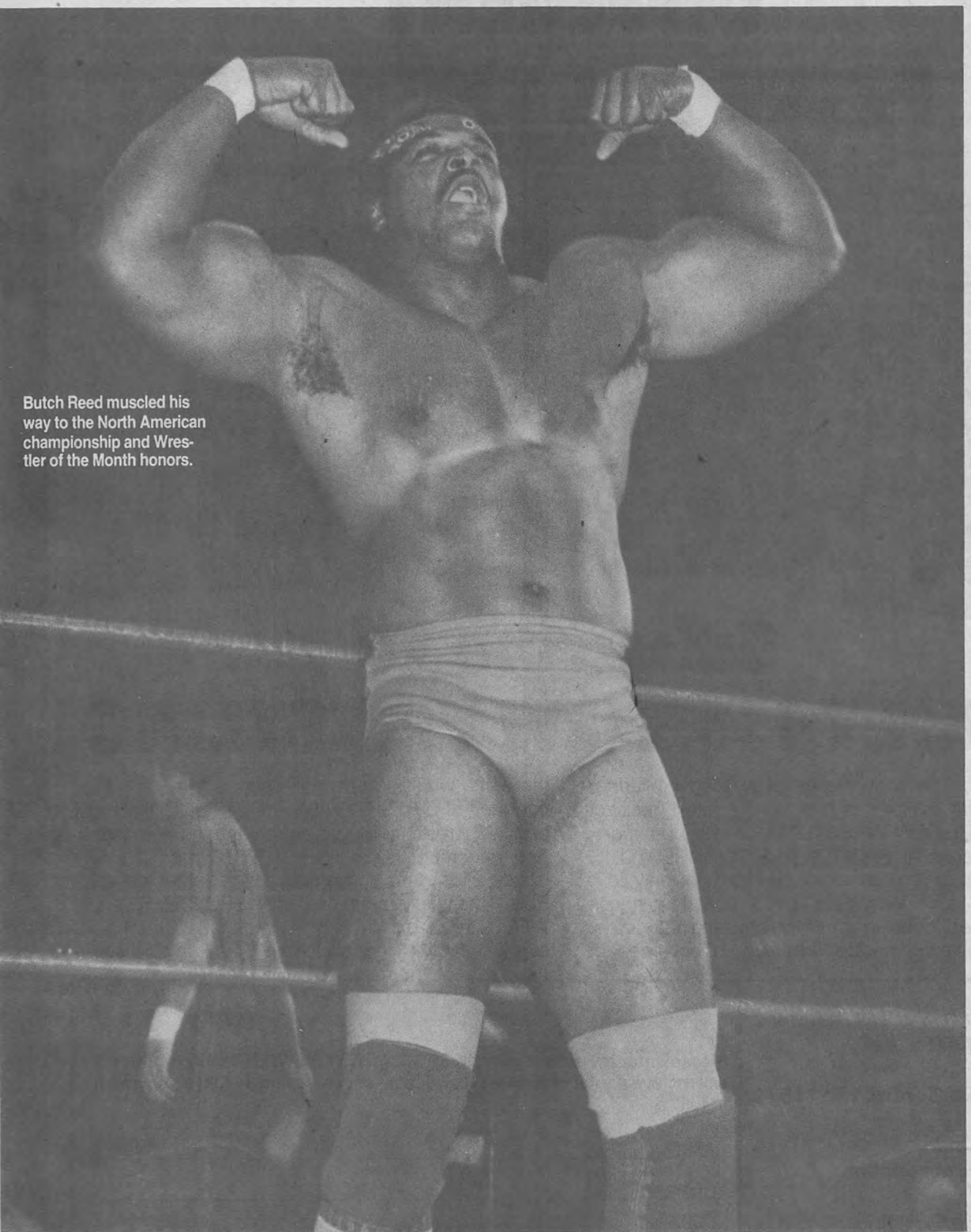
The second half of the match belonged to Reed. He held Murdoch in a pulverizing hammerlock that left the Cowboy's left arm numb and useless. Reed then seized Murdoch's right arm in a twisting armbar, a move so painful that the veteran Murdoch almost submitted.

As the match and the pace wound down, Murdoch, his strength practically spent, relied more and more on a rulebreaker's assortment of kicks and punches. Reed's stamina and power proved to be the victor in this contest. After 35 minutes, Reed surprised Murdoch in a tightly wound small package and scored the pin. The two men, still cloaked under the guise of friendship, exchanged admiring glances as they left the ring. Murdoch's true colors emerged in the following weeks, as he vilified Reed in interviews and during his matches.

"Reed's nothing but a small-time cheat," was a sampling of Murdoch's anger. "His biggest muscle keeps his ears far apart. Ric Flair hasn't insulted me by raising the bounty. He's gonna help buy me a golden heifer at the Austin livestock show. \$50,000 should get me the cream of the crop. And I'll be getting back the North American championship all in one swipe. What a deal!"

Should Reed continue to deny the challenge of Murdoch and his allies, and be able to thwart those opponents who seek the huge bounty, he'll certainly remain in the running for next issue's Wrestler of the Month award, too. Reed is already scheduled to defend his title 24 times next month and a spotless record could easily garner him the award once again. □

Butch Reed muscled his way to the North American championship and Wrestler of the Month honors.



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Hacksaw Duggan vs. Luke Graham

January 1: Candi Divine
January 7: Chavo Guerrero
January 10: Pez Whatley
January 12: Brian Blair
January 14: Hacksaw Duggan
January 19: Ted DiBiase
January 19: Pat Patterson
January 21: Ivan Putski
January 22: Tully Blanchard
January 23: Dominic DeNucci
January 23: Lelani Kai
January 28: Jesse Barr
January 29: Samoan Samula



Tully Blanchard vs. Junkyard Dog

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Kerry Von Erich vs. Ric Flair

February 1: Dennis Condrey
February 3: Kerry Von Erich
February 8: Fred Blassie
February 10: Chris Adams
February 19: John Studd
February 20: Terry Gibbs
February 25: Ric Flair
February 28: Rick Steamboat
February 28: Missing Link



Ric Flair vs. Rick Steamboat

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Mike Von Erich vs. Rip Oliver

March 2: Mike Von Erich
March 9: Nikita Koloff
March 15: The Iron Sheik
March 18: Rick Martel
March 19: Scott Casey
March 21: Buck Zumhofe
March 27: Swede Hanson
March 28: Curt Hennig
March 30: S.D. Jones
March 30: Michael Hayes



Michael Hayes vs. Steve O

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Roddy Piper vs. Rocky Johnson

April 5: Samoan Sika
April 17: Roddy Piper
April 19: Ox Baker
April 21: Brutus Beefcake
April 23: Tony Atlas
April 28: Siva Afi



Tony Atlas vs. Larry Zbyszko

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Tito Santana vs. Bobby Duncum

May 2: Moondog Rex
May 4: Mr. Fuji
May 5: Princess Victoria
May 5: Don Kernodle
May 10: Tito Santana
May 14: Tommy Rogers
May 15: Kevin Von Erich
May 16: Johnny Rodz
May 18: Jimmy Snuka
May 19: Andre the Giant
May 19: Dick Slater
May 28: Kamala
May 30: Jake Roberts



Jake Roberts vs. Ted DiBiase

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Brad Armstrong vs. Kareem Muhammad

June 4: Gorilla Monsoon
June 6: Moondog Spot
June 15: Brad Armstrong
June 18: Salvatore Bellomo
June 19: Wahoo McDaniel
June 21: Mark Youngblood
June 24: Paul Jones



Wahoo McDaniel vs. Kamala

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Barry Windham vs. Ric Flair

July 4: Barry Windham
July 10: Billy Jack Haynes
July 15: Jesse Ventura
July 22: Bob Roop
July 29: Tommy Rich
July 29: Capt. Lou Albano



Jesse Ventura vs. Hulk Hogan

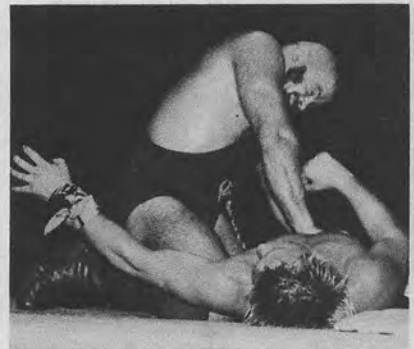
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Hulk Hogan vs. Ken Patera

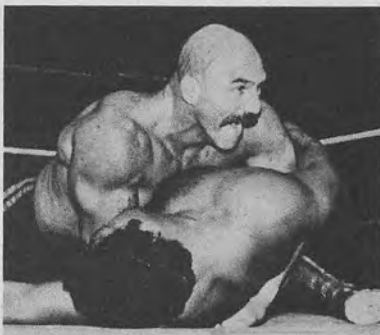
August 5: Stan Lane
August 11: Hulk Hogan
August 12: Terry Taylor
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August 24: Vince McMahon Jr.
August 25: Ivan Koloff
August 27: Sgt. Slaughter



Ivan Koloff vs. Rick Morton

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Superstar Graham vs. Pedro Morales

September 10: Superstar Graham
September 10: Magnificent Muraco
September 15: Adrian Adonis
September 17: Jim Cornette
September 20: Greg Valentine
September 20: Tony Garea
September 21: Rick Morton
September 22: Ole Anderson
September 29: David Sammartino



David Sammartino vs. Charlie Fulton

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Dusty Rhodes vs. Road Warrior Hawk

October 6: Bruno Sammartino
October 11: Dusty Rhodes
October 22: Pedro Morales
October 28: Mike Sharpe
October 29: Paul Orndorff



Pedro Morales vs. Buddy Rose

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Cowboy Bob Orton vs. Dewey Robertson

November 6: Ken Patera
November 10: Cowboy Bob Orton
November 21: Samoan Afa
November 26: Blackjack Mulligan
November 27: Playboy Buddy Rose
November 28: Ernie Ladd
November 29: Jerry Lawler



Blackjack Mulligan vs. Sheik Al-Kaissie

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Larry Zbyszko vs. The Tonga Kid

December 5: Kelly Kiniski
December 5: Dynamite Kid
December 5: Larry Zbyszko
December 6: Nick Bockwinkel
December 13: Junkyard Dog
December 13: Dino Bravo
December 13: Brad Rheingans
December 19: Gene Okerlund
December 27: Masked Superstar

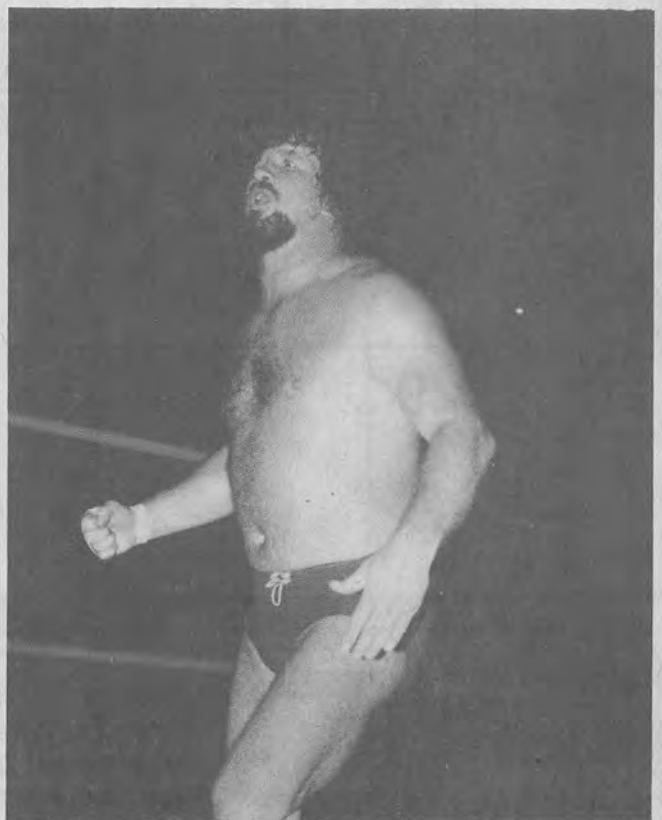


Junkyard Dog vs. Pete Doherty



JUNKYARD DOG PUTS THE BITE ON TERRY FUNK

Junkyard Dog has a score to settle with Terry Funk, one that stretches back some 400 years and began when the first black natives were kidnapped from their African villages and sold as slaves in the New World. It's a bill that has accrued an interest that will be paid in Funk's blood



Junkyard Dog leaves Terry in a Funk after stealing his cowboy hat.

THE WRESTLING CLASSIC—the WWF's entry into the pay-per-view cable market—was a wild success in terms of pure wrestling action. The tournament featured the best WWF wrestling I

By Matt Brock

have seen in 10 years. It's format, that of drawing the wrestlers' names at random to set up the matches, did what years of fan

and media pressure couldn't—create matchups like Paul Orndorff vs. Tito Santana and Rick Steamboat vs. Davey Boy Smith. For most of us who felt the prohibition on scientific matches was

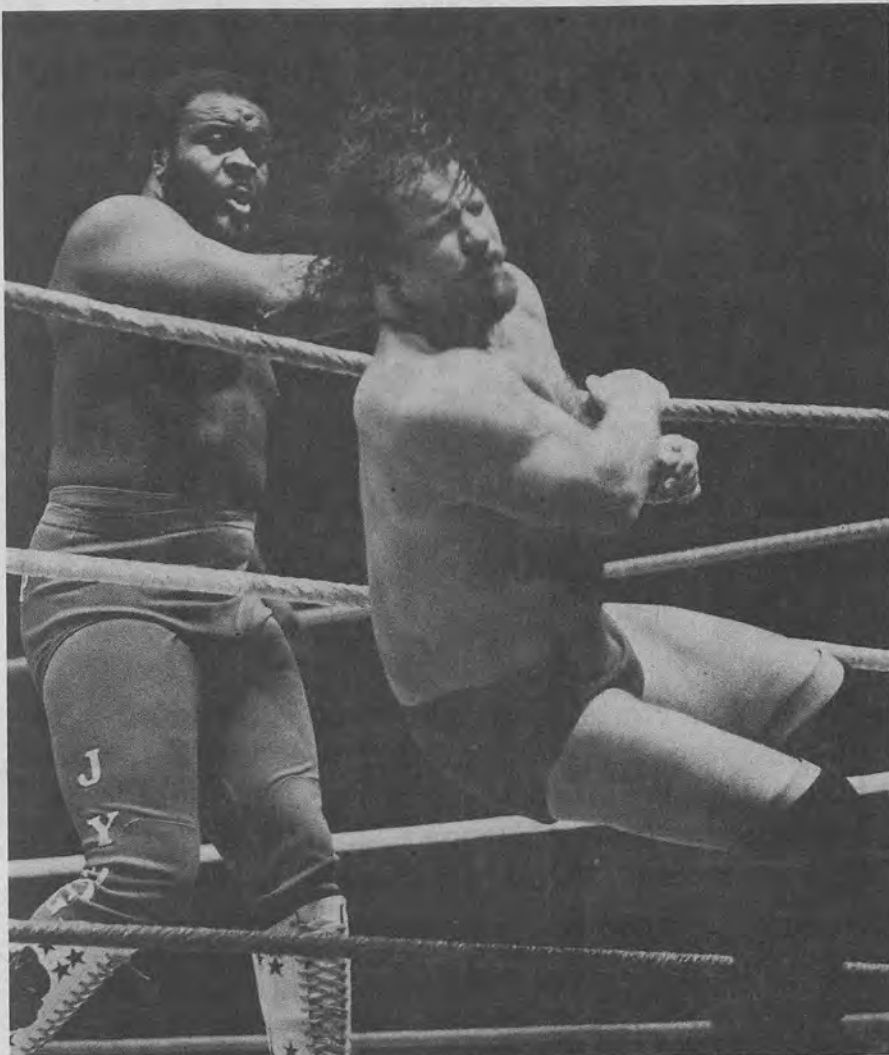
as ridiculous as the prohibition on alcohol, the Classic that originated out of Chicago was welcome drama.

Junkyard Dog won the Classic; Terry Funk lost in the first round. And their story is what concerns me here.

Terry Funk is a bitter man. He carries the same churlish look I've seen on the faces of on-the-dole factory workers, men whose lives are colored not by the yellow



rinse of a sunset or the organic rally of spring; men who've crapped out their whole lives to the numbers nine and five and now flounder without direction from the time-clock.



Junkyard Dog is fighting more for pride in this feud than for a position in the ratings. JYD spins Funk around with a right forearm (above) and struggles to withstand the cowboy's sleeperhold (left).



In one match in the series, Junkyard Dog didn't even wait for Funk to remove his chaps and poncho before going on the attack. The implications of this feud are uglier than in an average wrestling feud.

Terry Funk has no right to be bitter. He is a former NWA champion. He has been the star of a major network television series. He has a wonderfully loving and supportive family. He has money in the bank, security in his name.

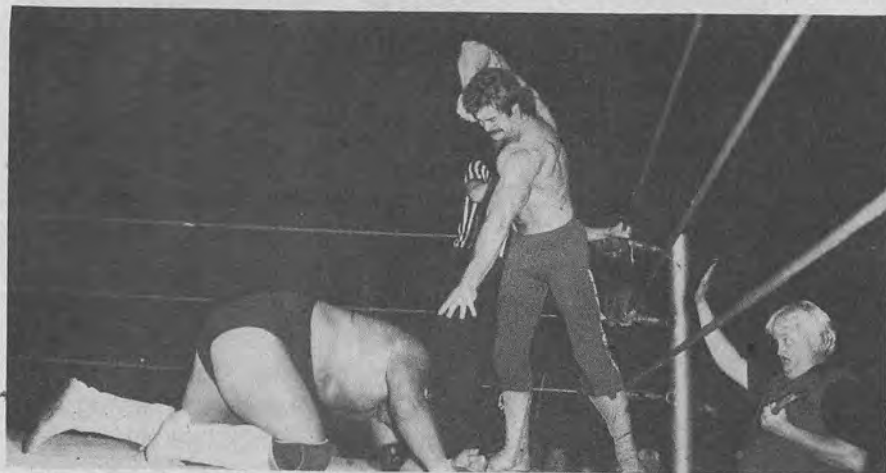
But he's bitter. He finds himself a skilled professional in a federation where how you dance is often more important than how you wrestle. It's hard to keep your mind on wrestling when your promoter is more interested in your singing backing vocals than executing backbreakers. Perhaps this explains Funk's wild inconsistency in the ring. Just a week after he pinned Junkyard Dog on national TV, Funk lost in the opening round of the Classic to Moondog Spot. That's right, Moondog Spot.

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RICK RUDE'S CLAIM:

“THE VON ERICHS STABBED ME IN THE BACK!”

Why is Rick Rude committing potential suicide by challenging the indomitable Von Erichs on their home turf? Why did he turn foul after a month of scientific status in Florida? The following story illustrates how idle gossip can shape mens' lives



RUMORS HAVE A way of incinerating things. Like a brushfire licking and chomping away at the sticks of a dry forest, they spread bad trouble.

Case in-point: Rick Rude, newly arrived in the World Class region, immediately challenges the Von Erichs. Why?

“Those mothers stabbed me in the back!” Rude screams. “They wanted me to be an ally of theirs, sucking up to the fans and defending their turf for them. So I pack up and head for Texas, the great American haven of

redneck retards, and the Von Erichs won't even speak to me!

“They offered me a lot of money to help them out. They wanted me to take over for that other mercenary, Brody, because Brody's so damn ugly he was scaring off all the bubble-butt nubile the Von Erichs ordinarily attract. They wanted me there not only for my ring skill, but because I'll bring a better class of women. If there are any in Texas.

“Well, it looks like they changed their minds, but I got news for the Von Erich boys. I rented a suite, and

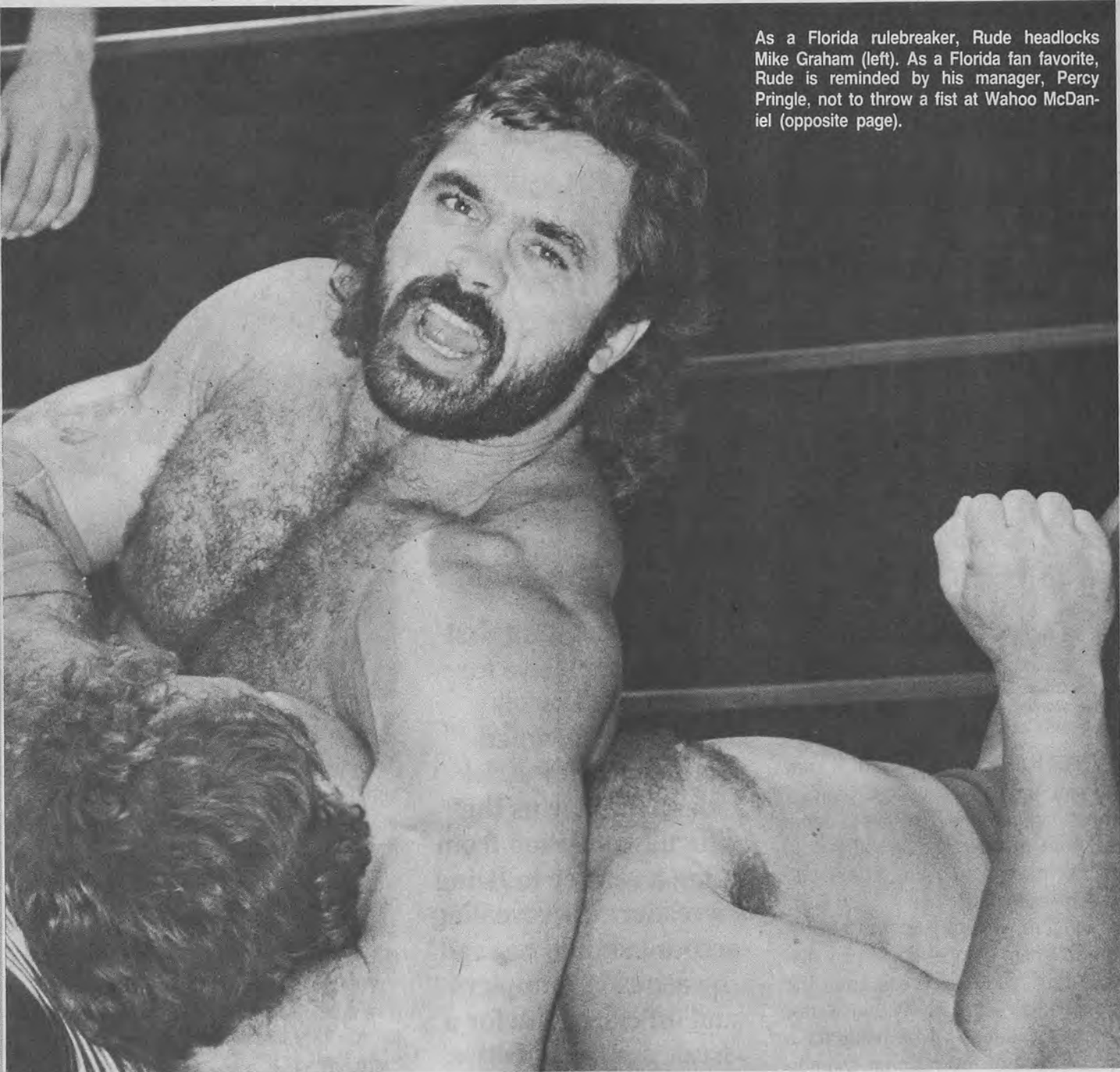
I'm sticking around. They'll regret inviting me here for nothing!”

Did the Von Erichs really bribe Rude to come to Texas, and renege on their promise to wrestle with him? Is Rude telling a rulebreaker's fib? Or are the Von Erichs less saintly than we have come to think?

The story begins in Florida, with the last few weeks previous to Rick Rude's departure from the area. Rude lost his Southern championship due to some inadequate rulebreaking on the part of Kevin Sullivan. Namely, Rude steered Wahoo McDaniel over to Sullivan at



As a Florida rulebreaker, Rude headlocks Mike Graham (left). As a Florida fan favorite, Rude is reminded by his manager, Percy Pringle, not to throw a fist at Wahoo McDaniel (opposite page).



ringside, where Kevin was supposed to take a swing at him. McDaniel ducked and Rude took the punch and lost the title. A brief feud between Rude and Sullivan ensued, in which Florida fans cheered the Rude Boy on in his efforts to destroy the turncoat Satanist.

Was it as simple as that?

One beloved Florida fan favorite insists, "Rude let himself get punched out on purpose. He knew he had a good deal working with the Von Erichs, and he wanted to sever all ties and give popularity a test run. And he liked being cheered. But he *chose* to be

a fan favorite here—he kept talking about how much money the Von Erichs would give him. He doesn't really hate Sullivan—he doesn't give a bleep!"

Another confidential *Sports Review* source, a veteran insider whom we can identify only as "Key Lip," asserts that Rude was merely practicing to be a fan favorite before packing his bags for the Lone Star State. "He'd practice smiling in the dressing room mirror, and turn to me and say, 'Is this sweet and sappy enough for the poor white trash?' He'd say, 'The Von

Embarrassings are giving me big bucks to beat up a few of their enemies. Who could ask for a better way to make money. I may stick around there for years!"

But the Von Erichs had absolutely no intention of inviting Rude to aid their cause. How did he think they wanted him?

Bewildered by conflicting stories, our crack *Sports Review* investigative staff snooped out the Von Erichs to get their side of the mess. We contacted Kerry, and he couldn't help us out.

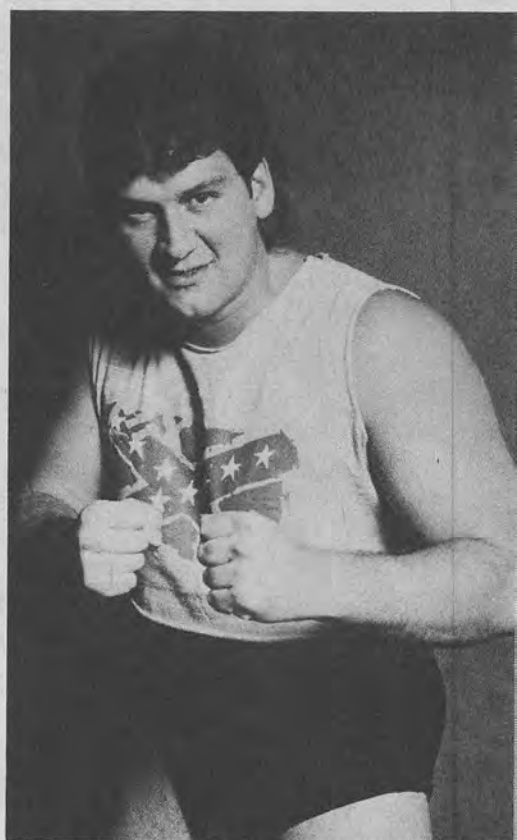
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After working his way to the top of his profession as a referee ...

FROM REFEREE TO WRESTLER

In this fascinating first-person exclusive for *Sports Review Wrestling*, noted referee Nick Patrick describes for us the difficult transition from being a referee to being a wrestler. His revealing account should be read by aspiring grapplers and officials alike for a fresh new perspective on the mat wars



... Nick Patrick is starting from the bottom again as a wrestler.

THE NAME NICK PATRICK may not ring any bells out there. I must admit—they haven't come out with a Nick Patrick doll yet. In fact, I haven't had any title shots, much less titles.

But I'm winning matches against the toughest competition I can sign for. I'm ready to break into the Continental Top 10. Within a few months, I think, I'll be ready for a shot at one of the regional championships here. I *really* want to do a job on Adrian Street.

So what, you say? My situation is similar to any young upstart bashing his way through the pro ranks. I'm winning, thanks to good luck and a little God-given talent, but how does that rate me a space to speak my piece in *Sports Review Wrestling*?

Well, I *am* unusual. I used to be a referee. Now I'm a wrestler. I go for the pinfalls instead of counting them off.

Those of you readers who watched the old *World Champion-*

NICK PATRICK'S OWN STORY

Photos by Sam Lowe

ship Wrestling—hosted by Gordon Solie, with other guys like Roddy Piper and Ole Anderson doing commentary—may recognize me as a third man they saw as often as commercials. I did the big matches, too, dozens of NWA title bouts and so on. And sure, I loved it at first—who wouldn't? Just hanging out with legends of the sport like Ric Flair and Dusty Rhodes impressed the hell out of me at first. Not that it influenced my officiating, mind you—I always set out to be the most impartial ref in the ring, bar none. But it gave me a kick, you know, to be working with great athletes and daring to yell at them to break holds!

I was successful, and respected, for many years. I was fortunate enough to be rated by fans and wrestlers alike as one of the top refs in the sport, along with Manning, Woherle, McGowan, Kroll, and other honorable men I will always admire.

But something was gnawing at my insides. I guess I've always been a bit of a ham. And even though I loved being a part of some of the greatest wrestling matches anybody would want to see, I felt a void in my life. Once I thought about it seriously, I knew there'd be no way to avoid it. I loved the sport too much to keep away from center stage. I didn't just want to wrestle, I *had* to wrestle.

I'd wrestled in high school and college, so I had a decent amateur background, which is essential. But that won't mean beans without a pro training regimen. Most of the crucial moves in the professional ranks—dropkicks, hammerlocks, and even innocent full-nelsons—are illegal in the amateurs. Besides, the pros fight dirty. No one had to mail me a postcard telling me *that*. So I took extensive training at a highly regarded "farm" in the Southeast, working out with the smart vets and refining strategy and technique.

Then I scribbled ink on the dot-



ted line for my first match. I was going up against a scrub on the opener of a small card. My opponent had a record of 9-53, and brother, was I cocky! I figured I'd whale through a battalion of scrubs—you know, the type of matches I used to ref a lot on TV—and bide my time for a crack at the big guys.

Well, that "scrub" just shut my mouth before I had a chance to strip off the fancy new robe I'd blown a month's salary on. *Oooff!* The little sucker pounded me with a closed-fist hammer right between the shoulder blades. You fans may see that kind of thing all the time and take it for granted, but it *hurt!* I was stunned, momentarily, and everything started swimming before my eyes. And when he body-slammed me, the pain got unbearable! I felt like rolling out of the ring and high-tailing it back to the dressing room to puke! But then I somehow pulled myself together; I think my opponent was taking too much time between moves, a classic error of the unsuccessful wrestler. I was able to gather my wits about me long enough to fight back.

And when I pinned him, the feeling was unlike anything I'd ever felt. I mean, I was on top of the Alps, dancing from peak to peak. Instead of raising another man's

Patrick issues a stern warning against Road Warrior Animal, who is brutalizing Mr. Wrestling II in a 1983 match (above). Nick's dream of becoming a wrestler leads him to a match against The Nightmare (below).



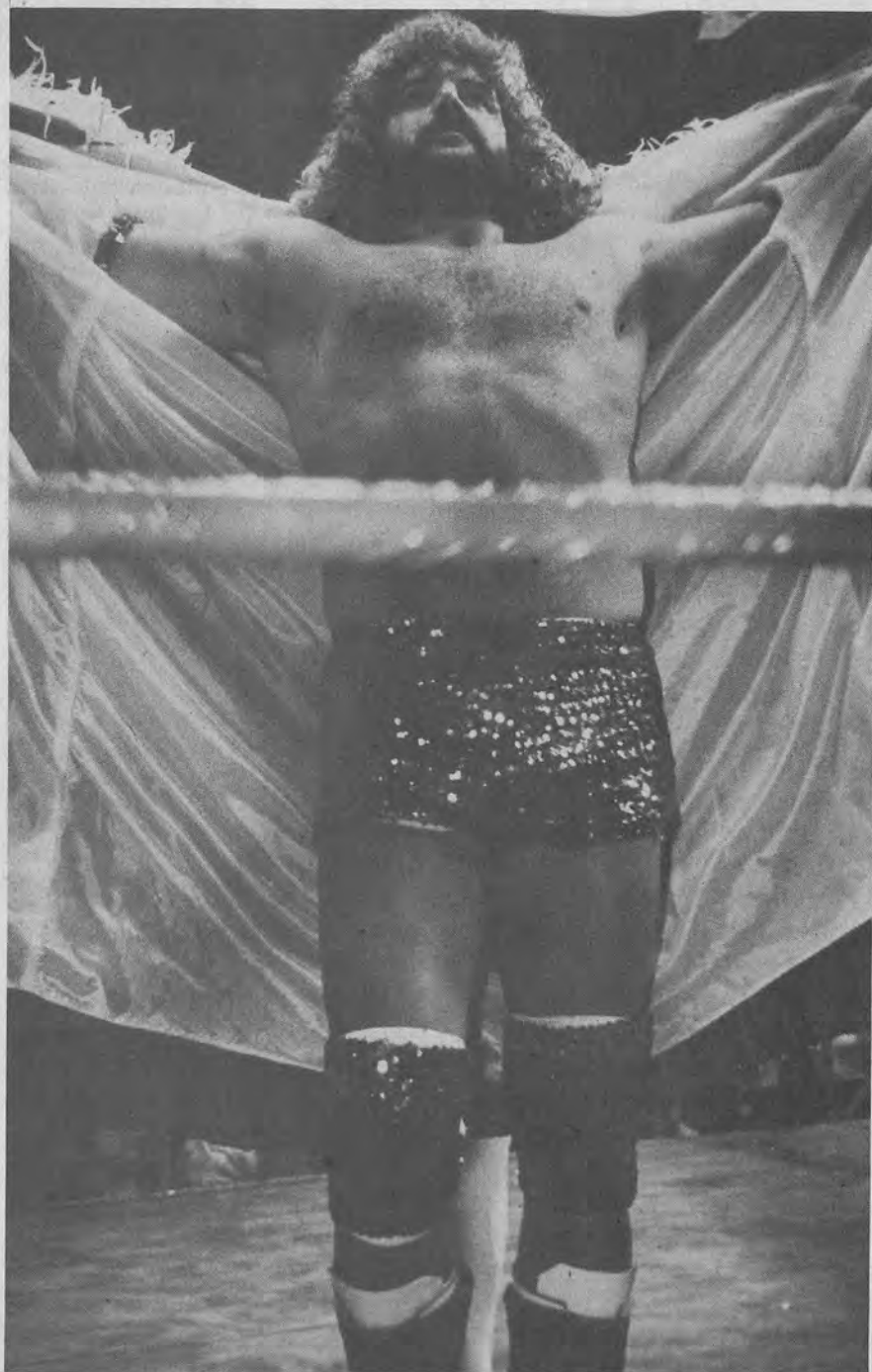
arm, *-mine* flew up in the air. The fans didn't really care much—after all, it was my first match—but it was the greatest moment of my life.

Since then, every match has been a learning experience. I've gotten used to the physical rigors and the pain of being a wrestler, well, as used to it as I'll ever get. And I've graduated from preliminaries to main events. But believe me, I'd *never* call a guy a prelim bum

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INTERVIEW

JIM GARVIN



Of the three most unlikely things to happen in the world of sports in 1985, The Road Warriors losing their AWA tag team championship ranks in between Georgetown losing to Villanova in the NCAA basketball finals and the Kansas City Royals winning the World Series. In each instance, it required a remarkable team effort to secure the upset.

In this case, the team effort was slightly more than The Road-Warriors had anticipated and for that they can thank the inimitable Gorgeous Jimmy Garvin. It was Garvin who synchronized the movements of Michael Hayes, Buddy Roberts, and Precious, melding the efforts of those three with his own and of his partner Steve Regal until the Legion of Doom found themselves, for the first time, outmaneuvered and overmatched.

Garvin, who has made famous the disclaimer "It's not my fault," is taking full credit for the controversy that led him to his first world title. Despite photographic proof of Hayes' explicit interference, Garvin denies that anyone ever entered the ring. The exchange of titles, claims the Gorgeous One, occurred because he and Steve Regal are simply better wrestlers than Hawk and Animal.

Assistant Editor Eddie Ellner confronted Garvin at his home, and his attempts at extracting the truth from Jim Garvin were met by a barrage of subterfuge, hyperbolic dittys, and meandering tangents.



Above: Newly crowned AWA World tag team champions Steve Regal and Jim Garvin flank their valet, Precious. They look proud, but they shouldn't. Right: The photo of Michael Hayes' interference (sorry, Jim, we have the negative) proves that their victory was illegally accomplished.



Q: So, Jimmy, you finally did it. After all these years you got yourself a world title. How does it feel?

A: Thank you, thank you. Thank you, thank you, thank you. Yes, it's been a long, hard road. Yes, it's been worth it. I would like to thank the Academy. I wish to thank my family, my sisters and brothers, nephews and friends, without whose support I still would have done it. The more people to bask in my glory, the better. I'm a lover, not a fighter.

Q: I suppose the victory is not the least bit tarnished for you because of the interference of Michael Hayes and Buddy Roberts.

A: Yes, thank you, one and all for coming here to see me today. I'm thinking of a number from one to a hundred. Can you guess it?

Q: Oh, no. Sixteen.

A: Right! You're absolutely right! I can't believe it. No one in my life has ever guessed it right before. What are you, anyway? Some kind of Egyptian soothsayer? How did you do that? Huh? How? Tell me. I've got to know.

Q: Jimmy, c'mon now. I don't have time for this. I have pictures here that clearly show Michael Hayes

leaping from the turnbuckles on top of you and Road Warrior Animal, who was about to slam you on to his knee. What have you got to say about that.

A: You got pictures?

Q: Yes, I have the photographs right here. Take a look at them.

A: Yoo-hoo, Precious honey, over here. That's my Precious walking on by, buddy. Go out and give her a kiss.

Q: (Returning). I didn't see Precious anywhere.

A: He didn't see Precious anywhere. She probably saw him and took a scare. Ha, ha, ol' Eddie buddy, I'm just kiddin' ya. She must have ducked into the powder room. You know how dames are.

Q: Where are those pictures, Jimmy?

A: My face, that's a picture. It radiates. It waxes eloquently. It foxtrots in the moonlight.

Q: You took the pictures, didn't you, Jimmy? You sent me out of the room and you stole my pictures.

A: (Rising) What did you say about my mother?

Q: I didn't say anything about your mother. And quit changing the subject. And give me back my pictures.

A: My mother always told me never to steal. My mother always told me never to lie. Here in one sentence you're calling me a thief and a liar. I think I'll call my lawyer! Farnsworth, get Mr. Rosencrantz Guildenstern on the blower.

Q: Jimmy, . . .

A: And don't call me Jimmy. And listen to me. We played the game. You guessed the number, didn't you? I didn't have to say that you guessed the right number. There were 99 other numbers and I could have said, 'Sorry Eddie, but 44 was the number I was thinking of.' Or, 'Sorry Ed, it was 27, not 16. You're wrong, but nice try.' But no. I was honest. I told you the truth. That proves it.

Q: That proves what? Wait. Don't answer that. Do not answer that. What you are saying to me is that you and Regal won the AWA tag team championship in the ring without any kind of outside aid?

A: In a nutshell.

Q: Do you agree that there were certain people whose names were not on the match contract that were present that night around the ring?

A: Eddie, Eddie, Eddie. What are we going to do with you? Huh, guy,

It was a fairly easy match for The Road Warriors until the controversial finish. Right: Animal punishes Garvin with a headlock. Below: Hawk threatens referee Marty Miller, who stands by his decision. The AWA would later turn down the Warriors' protest.

what? I didn't take you for a file cabinet. I thought you were a hip-shooter. I thought you were, ah, never mind. Who do The Road Warriors bring into every match?

Q: Paul Ellering accompanies them to every match. And Paul Ellering is on their every contract.

A: Oh, right. He accompanies them to every match. He's on the contract. Does that give him the right to wrestle? Never once did he interfere. Never once did he distract the referee. Never once, never once, never, never, never once.

Q: I never said that.

A: The television replays are all the proof I need. Go watch the match. If you see Michael Hayes in the ring I'll personally have one of my staff go out to Zody's and buy you a personality. It never happens. He's out of the ring—at my request—making certain that Ellering doesn't interfere. And now the world sees how un-invincible these Road Warriors are without their manager.

Q: I used to have a picture showing Michael Hayes jumping on top of you and Animal. It was a nice picture, an 8x10. You come crashing down on Animal, Buddy Roberts pushes the referee into the ring, and the ref counts to three and you and Regal are given the belts. That's what happened, Jimmy. I know it happened. You know it happened. Everyone there that night knew it happened and everyone who reads our magazine knows what happened.

A: It's just like you slithering barracudas to take a photo, doctor the damn thing to invent some bubbleheaded story, and then try to dupe the thousands of my fans who read your magazines into be-



lieving it. This is what they call freedom of the press. What a scam! You and puke are one in the same and that goes for your girlfriend, also. Steve Regal and I are the World tag team champions. We have defeated The Road Warriors. I have defeated Rick Martel. Is it my fault that the competition

cannot meet my standards of excellence? Is it my fault that the world is my oyster, the universe my pool? Thank you, Eddie, for your time and your willingness to join us here this month. Take care of yourself.

Q: We'll nail you Jimmy. I like you, but I'm gonna nail you. □

RATINGS ANALYSIS

Every month, this column will tell fans how we go about rating more than 150 wrestlers in 14 different categories. It is a behind-the-scenes look at the most important—and respected—ratings system in the sport. This column is vital reading for all wrestling fans.

Movement everywhere: Rick Rude dispensed with the introductions and immediately made himself at home in the World Class area by defeating Iceman Parsons to capture the American heavyweight title. In so doing, Rude has cracked the ratings in a big way, leaping to the number one spot in the World Class area and occupying the number nine spot in the NWA ratings.

Rude and his flamboyant manager, **Percy Pringle**, are not shy about their intentions in Texas. "We're here for several reasons," piped Pringle. "One is so Rick may have his fill of the lovely Dallas belles, women who have not been exposed to Rick's considerable talents as, *ahem*, a lady's man. Two, is that I wish to cement my position as manager of the decade. We will endeavor to dispose of every foul-smelling Von Erich in the land. After that it will be time to move on."



Pringle & Rude

Rude agreed with his manager, saying, "I'm right on schedule. Now that I have the title, every scaly-skinned Von Erich is going to want to fight me. I will drop each one as pretty as a mama cat drops her litter. Then I'll move the show on and take over another territory. I was not only born to be ravishing, baby. I was born to rule!"

Lance Von Erich, son of Waldo Von Erich, and cousin of Kerry, Kevin and Mike, had recently received an NWA title shot against Ric Flair because of his position as Pacific Northwest champion. And though Lance lost that title close to press time (Bobby Jagers captured the belt on November 9), we'd like to clarify matters for PNW fans: Lance wrestled under the name **Ricky Vaughn** so as not to receive an unfair advantage in making his mark on the wrestling scene. He is currently ranked number 10 in the NWA ratings and number seven in World Class. Since he is now wrestling regularly in the World Class area, he is no longer rated in the PNW.

Dusty Rhodes, who, because of his ankle injury, was out of action and out of the ratings for a month, is back wrestling and climbing again toward the top. Dusty re-enters this month's NWA ratings at number five, and the World Championship ratings at number three. "There may be wrestlers separating me from Ric Flair on paper," warned The American Dream, "but come our Strarrcade showdown, it's gonna take at least plenty of wrestlers to pull me off his scrawny, chicken-coated neck. Flair ain't nothing but a coward. He's tough when he got some friends around to protect

him. But by himself, he ain't worth the rope to hang him."

Rookie **Scott Hall**, who many fans knew as the Starship Coyote, has burst into the AWA ratings, entering this month in the number seven position. Hall has spent his brief career in the company of Dusty Rhodes, Harley Race, Pat O'Connor, Barry Windham, Ric Flair, and Rick Martel, so his entry into the top 10 certainly doesn't surprise us. It doesn't surprise the 6'8", 295-pound youngster either. "I'm right on schedule. Don't call me cocky. I just know what I'm capable of doing in the ring. Lots of wins, no losses, that's my style."

Without the belts, the Warriors are still number one. It takes more than the loss of their AWA tag team title to dislodge **The Road Warriors** from their number one ranking. They retain the position they've enjoyed in our ratings for the past year and a half. Currently, The Road Warriors are the number one contenders to both the NWA and the AWA belts, and no one except The Legion of Doom themselves is sure which crown they'll go after first. "They'll both be ours before long," boasted **Road Warrior Hawk**. "It's just deciding which one we want to start off with."



The Road Warriors

Ivan and Nikita Koloff remain number two behind the Warriors. Ivan Koloff scoffed at Hawk's statement, replying, "The Warriors cannot wrestle. They lost their belts to scrawny, feeble Americans. They should be ashamed of themselves." Although only the Koloffs are listed in the ratings, we wish to remind you that **Krusher Khrushchev** is still legally part of their team and is eligible to defend the title at any time. We understand that **Rick Morton** and **Robert Gibson—The Rock 'n' Roll Express**—have filed a protest against the Russian's use of a three-man team.

"It's completely unfair," said Morton, in a telephone interview. "They have a fresh body every night they wrestle. It doesn't make sense why the NWA sanctioned such a thing. They should be defending the six-man belts, not the NWA belts."

The address for mail: We welcome your comments, criticisms, and questions about our ratings system. Send all your correspondence to: "Ratings Analysis" c/o *Sports Review Wrestling*; Box 48; Rockville Centre, New York 11571. □

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Top 10 and Tag Team ratings are based on won-lost records for the past month, quality of opposition, and inherent skill of each wrestler or team. These ratings are compiled by the magazine's editorial board.



Rick Martel

TOP 10

- 1—**RIC FLAIR**
243, Minneapolis, MN
- 2—**RICK MARTEL**
236, Quebec City, Quebec
- 3—**HULK HOGAN**
302, Venice Beach, CA
- 4—**TITO SANTANA**
245, Mission, TX
- 5—**TERRY TAYLOR**
225, Vero Beach, FL
- 6—**TULLY BLANCHARD**
235, San Antonio, TX
- 7—**RICK STEAMBOAT**
238, Honolulu, HI
- 8—**MAGNUM T.A.**
245, Chesapeake, VA
- 9—**NIKITA KOLOFF**
275, Moscow, Russia
- 10—**KERRY VON ERICH**
260, Denton, TX

TAG TEAMS

- 1—**THE ROAD WARRIORS**
No. 1 contenders to AWA and NWA World tag team titles
Combined weight: 567 pounds
- 2—**IVAN & NIKITA KOLOFF**
NWA World tag team champions
Combined weight: 524 pounds
- 3—**GREG VALENTINE & BRUTUS BEEFCAKE**
WWF World tag team champions
Combined weight: 511 pounds
- 4—**JIM GARVIN & STEVE REGAL**
AWA World tag team champions
Combined weight: 473 pounds
- 5—**CHRIS ADAMS & GINO HERNANDEZ**
No. 1 contenders to World Class tag team title
Combined weight: 454 pounds
- 6—**OLE & ARN ANDERSON**
National tag team champions
Combined weight: 525 pounds
- 7—**STEVE KEIRN & STAN LANE**
Mid-Southern tag team champions
Combined weight: 479 pounds
- 8—**WAHOO McDANIEL & BILLY JACK HAYNES**
U.S. tag team champions
Combined weight: 505 pounds
- 9—**DAVEY BOY SMITH & DYAMITE KID**
No. 1 contenders to WWF tag team title
Combined weight: 461 pounds
- 10—**AL PEREZ & WENDELL COOLEY**
Mid-South tag team champions
Combined weight: 481 pounds

NWA, AWA, and WWF ratings, in addition to the regional ratings from around the country, are based on the official current position of challengers to the top title in each category. (Certain titleholders receive an automatic spot in the ratings). Most Popular and Most Hated ratings are based on nationwide surveys of wrestling fans and mail that comes to our offices.

NWA

World Champion:
RIC FLAIR

243, Minneapolis, MN

- 1—**TULLY BLANCHARD**
235, San Antonio, TX
- 2—**TERRY TAYLOR**
225, Vero Beach, FL
- 3—**KERRY VON ERICH**
260, Denton, TX
- 4—**MAGNUM T.A.**
245, Chesapeake, VA
- 5—**DUSTY RHODES**
302, Austin, TX
- 6—**NIKITA KOLOFF**
275, Moscow, Russia
- 7—**WAHOO McDANIEL**
260, Midland, TX
- 8—**HARLEY RACE**
253, Kansas City, MO
- 9—**RICK RUDE**
246, Robbinsdale, MN
- 10—**LANCE VON ERICH**
245, Dallas

AWA

World Champion:
RICK MARTEL

236, Quebec City, Quebec

- 1—**SGT. SLAUGHTER**
310, Parris Island, SC
- 2—**STAN HANSEN**
322, Borger, TX
- 3—**LARRY ZBYSKO**
248, Pittsburgh, PA
- 4—**JIM GARVIN**
235, Tampa, FL
- 5—**NICK BOCKWINKEL**
245, Beverly Hills, CA
- 6—**MICHAEL HAYES**
255, Marietta, GA
- 7—**SCOTT HALL**
263, Minneapolis, MN
- 8—**BORIS ZUKHOV**
254, Leningrad, Russia
- 9—**GREG GAGNE**
220, Robbinsdale, MN
- 10—**CURT HENNIG**
235, Minneapolis, MN

WWF

World Champion:
HULK HOGAN

302, Venice Beach, CA

- 1—**TITO SANTANA**
245, Mission, TX
- 2—**MAGNIFICENT MURACO**
274, Sunset Beach, HA
- 3—**RODDY PIPER**
231, Scotland
- 4—**RICK STEAMBOAT**
238, Honolulu, HI
- 5—**RANDY SAVAGE**
245, Sarasota, FL
- 6—**PAUL ORNDORFF**
253, Brandon, FL
- 7—**TERRY FUNK**
247, Amarillo, TX
- 8—**JUNKYARD DOG**
260, New Orleans, LA
- 9—**JOHN STUDD**
364, Washington, DC
- 10—**KING KONG BUNDY**
446, Atlantic City, NJ

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

- 1—**TULLY BLANCHARD**
235, San Antonio, TX
- 2—**TERRY TAYLOR**
225, Vero Beach, FL
- 3—**DUSTY RHODES**
302, Austin, TX
- 4—**NIKITA KOLOFF**
275, Moscow, Russia
- 5—**MAGNUM T.A.**
245, Chesapeake, VA
- 6—**RONNIE GARVIN**
231, Montreal, Quebec
- 7—**JIMMY VALIANT**
251, New York, NY
- 8—**SAM HOUSTON**
218, Waco, TX
- 9—**SUPERSTAR GRAHAM**
260, Paradise Valley, AZ
- 10—**BILLY JACK HAYNES**
245, Portland, OR

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WORLD CLASS

- 1—**RICK RUDE**
246, Robbinsdale, MN
- 2—**BRIAN ADIDAS**
238, Denton, TX
- 3—**KERRY VON ERICH**
260, Denton, TX
- 4—**GINO HERNANDEZ**
224, Houston, TX
- 5—**ICEMAN PARSONS**
242, St. Louis, MO
- 6—**KEVIN VON ERICH**
239, Denton, TX
- 7—**LANCE VON ERICH**
245, Dallas
- 8—**CHRIS ADAMS**
230, Stratford, England
- 9—**BRUISER BRODY**
284, Albuquerque, NM
- 10—**KABUKI**
252, Singapore

MID-SOUTH

- 1—**BUTCH REED**
265, Kansas City, MO
- 2—**DICK SLATER**
235, Tampa, FL
- 3—**HACKSAW DUGGAN**
280, Glens Falls, NY
- 4—**TED DiBIASE**
247, Omaha, NB
- 5—**JAKE ROBERTS**
243, Baton Rouge, LA
- 6—**HUMONGOUS**
318, parts unknown
- 7—**STEVE WILLIAMS**
295, Tulsa, OK
- 8—**DICK MURDOCH**
270, Waxahachie, TX
- 9—**BUZZ SAWYER**
240, St. Petersburg, FL
- 10—**EDDIE GILBERT**
222, Lexington, TN

FLORIDA

- 1—**WAHOO McDANIEL**
260, Midland, TX
- 2—**KENDELL WINDHAM**
220, Sweetwater, TX
- 3—**KEVIN SULLIVAN**
239, Boston, MA
- 4—**BARRY WINDHAM**
236, Sweetwater, TX
- 5—**MIKE GRAHAM**
229, Tampa, FL
- 6—**BLACKJACK MULLIGAN**
310, Sweetwater, TX
- 7—**BOB ROOP**
273, Tampa, FL
- 8—**TYREE PRIDE**
231, Haiti
- 9—**LARRY LUGER**
280, Chicago
- 10—**JACK HART**
230, St. Petersburg, FL

MID-SOUTHERN

- 1—**BILL DUNDEE**
214, Melbourne, Australia
- 2—**JERRY LAWLER**
234, Memphis, TN
- 3—**HARLEY RACE**
253, Kansas City, MO
- 4—**STEVE KEIRN**
220, Tampa, FL
- 5—**DUTCH MANTEL**
242, Bucksnorth, TN
- 6—**KOKO WARE**
229, Union City, TN
- 7—**PHIL HICKERSON**
238, Jackson, TN
- 8—**STAN LANE**
219, Del Ray, Florida
- 9—**TARRAS BULBA**
237, Outer Mongolia
- 10—**TOJO YAMAMOTO**
230, Tokyo, Japan

CONTINENTAL

- 1—**THE FLAME**
305, parts unknown
- 2—**EXOTIC ADRIAN STREET**
227, South Wales
- 3—**TOMMY RICH**
238, Hendersonville, TN
- 4—**JIMMY GOLDEN**
234, Montgomery, AL
- 5—**ROBERT FULLER**
238, Dyersburg, TN
- 6—**BRAD ARMSTRONG**
226, Marietta, GA
- 7—**ROBERTO SOTO**
231, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- 8—**THE BULLET**
234, parts unknown
- 9—**BILL ASH**
224, Paris, AK
- 10—**ROY WELCH**
224, Tampa, FL

NORTHWEST

- 1—**BOBBY JAGGERS**
265, Dunlap, KS
- 2—**MIKE MILLER**
260, Memphis, TN
- 3—**TOM ZENK**
237, Robbinsdale, MN
- 4—**STEVE SIMPSON**
220, Africa
- 5—**MOONDOG MORETTI**
245, Boise, ID
- 6—**MEGA MAHARISHI**
260, Portland, OR
- 7—**SCOTT DORING**
270, Minneapolis, MN
- 8—**STEVE PARDEE**
232, San Mateo, CA
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NICK PATRICK

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or a scrub now. They're *all* tough. You know, anybody out there is one of a thousand or so of the toughest wrestlers in the country, so you know they mean business, no matter what their won-lost percentage happens to be.

I've also learned a thing or three about the true nature of rulebreaking. Like any referee, I used to *hate* those clowns who'd never pay attention to your warnings, who'd turn the deaf ear until you had to disqualify them, and then they wouldn't care anyway. And as often as not, they'd scream at you, shove you, or do something worse if they didn't care about fines or suspensions. I mean, one of my best friends, an ex-referee, is paralyzed from the waist down as the result of being attacked by a crazed rule-breaker who tried to break him in half and damn near succeeded.

But that's only the worst, the evil side of rulebreaking. As a wrestler, I now realize that rulebreaking is a fact of life in this sport. You can recite the Sermon on the Mount 'til you're blue in the face, but there's no place in the squared circle for saints. If a man gouges you, you gouge back, or else you'll get it back in spades. It's a terrible fact of life, but there are a lot of terrible truths a man must face. Don't get me wrong—I *never* break the rules unless I'm forced to. I hate it. But sometimes it has to be done in man-to-man combat: which is what wrestling is, basically. Take note, refs, and don't be too hard on the guys who fight back for that reason.

So what does the future hold in store for Nick Patrick? Hell, I'm just like any other wrestler. At first I may have been trying to prove a point—to myself, and to the world. Now I don't even think of myself as an ex-ref. That's a job I used to have. I'm going to be a champion. ☐

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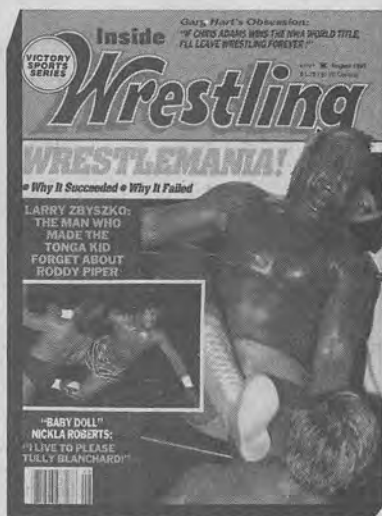
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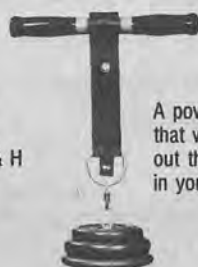
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MAILBAG

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His favorite food (I hope it's not broccoli. I hate broccoli). I am Terry's biggest fan and would love to develop a meaningful correspondence with him. And since he's soon going to be the NWA World champion I feel that it would behoove your magazines to increase the coverage on this gorgeous hulk. Watch out Ric Flair. Terry Taylor is back, and he's after your belt!

SUSAN SHONBERG
Plantation, FL

ROAD TO RUIN

It had to happen sooner or later. It was inevitable. Over the last year The Road Warriors had become too cocky. agree with most critics who peg the Legion of Doom as the standard by which all other tag teams must be measured, but lately they had been letting their guard down. They've been resting on their laurels and not moving forward. I would say that in the past six months the Warriors have not developed one different wrestling maneuver. Their style had become calculated. They had become easy prey for a strategist such as Jimmy Garvin. The true mark of great champions is their ability to retain their titles through the years, as styles come and go and they are forced to adapt. We must wait to see if The Road Warriors qualify for that laurel.

JOE CARPENTER
Minneapolis

KENDALL-AID

You were right on the money about Kendell Windham when you selected him as your Wrestler of the Month in the December '85 issue of *Sports Review Wrestling*. That is you were right in anticipating a backlash against your selection. I saw Kendell Windham wrestle last month in Tampa and if he weighs 220 pounds, then my name is Joe Mudd. He seems to have the mental toughness to wrestle the heavyweights, and he'll be successful for a while, but I think he's going to wear down quicky, and when he does he

might never be the same.

A victory over a bum like Jack Hart is pretty flimsy evidence on which to base an award such as your Wrestler of the Month. The award has certainly diminished in my eyes. My admiration for Kendell's old man, Blackjack Mulligan, skyrocketed with his comment about his son, "Kendell Windham is my son and I love him, but if you're



Kendell Windham, standing beside his father, Blackjack Mulligan, accepts the Wrestler of the Month plaque for the month of December.

looking for someone to tell you that he is a great wrestler, then you'd better look somewhere else. No 19-year old rookie is a great wrestler." You gotta love it. In the future, the editors should clamp their enthusiasm until a wrestler merits the praise you give him.

JOHN TAYLOR
Wildwood, NJ

INDIAN TRIBUTE

"Only the good die young" is certainly an appropriate epitaph for Jay Youngblood. This man who achieved so much in the ring at such a young age achieved even more out of it. I can't remember ever meeting a man with so much natural warmth. Whenever he wrestled, you could be sure that he would pack in the crowd. Jay's popularity was like a beacon of fresh light. To cheer him made you feel better. I had the opportunity to meet Jay one night after he and Ricky Steam-



Jay Youngblood was loved by the fans and he loved them in return. Reader Tim Jana, and the rest of the wrestling community, mourns his death.

boat captured their third NWA World tag team championship. He was out celebrating in a restaurant with his entourage but did nothing to discourage the steady stream of fans that surrounded him with congratulations and hit him up for autographs. He had time for everyone. It's a tragedy he didn't have more time.

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Jesse Ventura's color commentary for Vince McMahon is informative and entertaining. He takes a rulebreaker's stance, but usually to offset the bias of his broadcast partner.

about his own tag team partner, Randy Savage. The same goes for Greg Gagne on the AWA telecasts. It's a conflict of interest."

Michelle Burfish, Waltham, MA: "I may be old-fashioned, but I remember a time when men and women wrestled

without screaming obscenities at each other before, during, and after matches. I liked it better that way. And it seems to me that half the feuds in wrestling erupt because a microphone's handy, and the big bad palookas can't keep their mouths shut. I don't think wrestlers should be allowed near open mikes, period, unless security precautions are made, TV interviews should be banned!"

Terry Jason, Laguna Beach, CA:

"You should be asking whether *non*-wrestlers should be allowed to announce matches. Most promoters hire mustached dolts like Schiavone and Resnick out of learn-by-cassette broadcasting schools, and they don't know a damn thing about wrestling. Whenever those clowns don't recognize a hold, they say it's "an unusual maneuver" or something. Unless a wrestler like Tully Blanchard or Nick Bockwinkel is commenting on TV matches, I turn off the sound and listen to music!" □

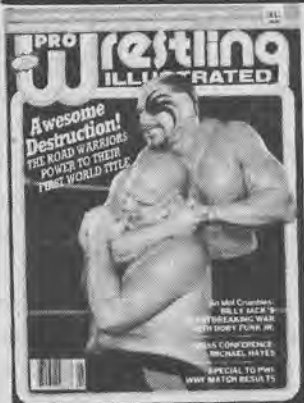


Ken Resnick, interviewing Jerry Blackwell and Baron Von Raschke after a match, is a polished announcer, but he couldn't be expected to have the same knowledge of the sport that a wrestler would.

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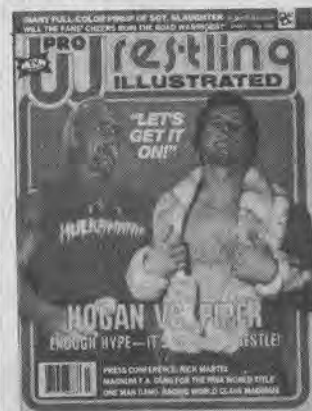
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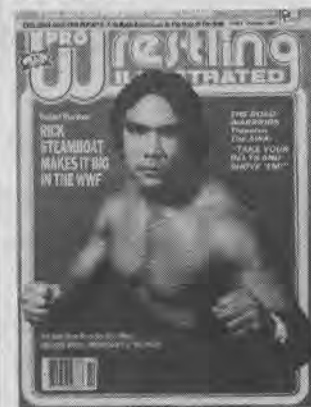
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TATTLER

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a title rematch with the Warriors.

"Hey! The number one contenders are not The Road Warriors," cried Garvin, incorrectly, since the Warriors are the number one contenders for both the AWA and NWA tag team titles. But facts have never slowed the Gorgeous One. "Hey, lookie here man, we are the champs. The Champs! For over a year those painted pansies fought who they wanted, when they wanted. Now it's our turn. We'll give those creeps a rematch when we're ready. Let those gorillas sweat."

Playing it safe might cost the new champs their title anyway. Garvin and Regal were defeated in a non-title match by the newly created team of Curt Hennig and Scott Hall. Now they refuse to grant Hall and Hennig a title match.

"Those guys cheat," raved Garvin. "And we don't fight cheaters."

Meanwhile, in the interest of fair play, the AWA will soon set the dates for mandatory title defenses that Garvin and Regal must make.

Among their future opponents are The Road Warriors and Scott Hall and Curt Hennig.

"They can run, they can cry, they can beg, but they can't hide," said Road Warrior Hawk. "We'll have our belts back in time for Christmas."

—Charles F. Amberson

TAMPA, FL: Peggy Lee Pringle, the hot-blooded sister of manager Percival Pringle, is tearing up the Florida rings in pursuit of Lady Maxine. Before Percy left Florida, Maxine slapped him around, embarrassing not only Pringle, but his entire family. Immediately, rumors began to circulate that the reason Percy left for Texas was because he was frightened of the gangly giantess.

"That's a lot of camel spit," spewed Peggy Lee. "Percy and Rick Rude were planning the move to Texas for some time. His leaving had nothing to do with Maxine. If he stayed, he'd be the one teaching that ugly scamp a lesson. But since he's gone, I'm only too happy to



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MAXINE VS. PRINGLE

oblige."

Pringle was amused to hear that his baby sister was avenging his reputation. "Peggy Lee has always followed her indomitable spirit," he said by phone from Dallas. "After finishing school, she decided she wanted to wrestle. Mother, naturally, was horrified, and threatened to cut her inheritance, but Peggy Lee persisted. Rather than risk losing a daughter, mother has allowed Peggy to wrestle and she has acquitted herself admirably in the ring.

"I have no doubts that she will turn Lady Maxine into so much mashed potato. The Pringle mind is resolute. The Pringle body is irrepressible. This actually is the best possible circumstance. I am too much a gentleman to ever hit a lady, although I understand Maxine's application to the gender is still pending. My sister feels a debt for the many times I bailed her out of peculiar situations in her own free-spirited life.

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JYD-FUNK

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Since he's been in the WWF, Funk has brought new meaning to the phrase "ignorant, redneck slob." He has attacked Mel Phillips, the WWF ring attendant, who happens to be black. Funk has issued racist slurs at Phillips and has physically attacked the man with his fists and with a branding iron, an item that has become something of a trademark for Funk.

Funk's hatred of blacks doesn't begin and end with Phillips. For a man like Terry Funk, blacks have never achieved anything beyond a servile status. That someone like Junkyard Dog can be more popular than Funk—let alone earn more money—makes Funk seethe with hatred.

This story isn't meant to articulate the anger of Black America, nor is it strictly a condemnation of Terry Funk's personal beliefs, although it does both things. Terry Funk's physical and verbal attacks on Phillips serve as a document of the ignorance of men who refuse to accept the inevitability of change.

Drinking men accept change. They embrace it, noting that a healthy slug of vodka began as nothing more than a spud on a Russian potato farm. When I started in this business, I brought home fingers raw from overuse and black from typewriter ink. Women couldn't smoke, let alone be considered professional reporters. Today, my office colleagues include an uppity feminist who chain-smokes and writes her stories—as do all the other writers—on a high-tech computer system. (I still lug around my old Underwood, thank you.)

Junkyard Dog is not Malcolm X. He will never be mistaken for a civil rights activist. In some ways



JYD watches his rival stagger across the ring (above) and, before Funk can steady himself, the Dog shows him the way out of the ring (below).



he reinforces the worst black stereotypes. Too often, he shuffles and panders like the black comedians whom white audiences found so amusing in the '30s and '40s. He boogies hard for his money. But that is a cynical outlook. The Dog is also a big-hearted, patient man who spends much of his free time in children's hospitals entertaining kids. If he is seething on the inside about his image in the WWF, he isn't telling anybody.

Not everyone has a social conscience. If the Junkyard Dog has one, he is keeping it well hidden, but even the Dog couldn't sit still

for Terry Funk's medieval antics. Funk will not attack Mel Phillips again, because he knows Junkyard Dog will be there to help. The last time Funk tried it, the Dog rattled his chains and Funk fled for his life. Let no one accuse Terry Funk of acting like a man these days.

Since then, Funk and JYD have had several matches, many of which have ended with Funk seeking the shelter of the dressing room. In interviews, Funk has been typically emptyheaded. "Ah'm gonna kill this egg-sucking mutation," he spewed. "Ah'm goin' lynch me that boy and stuff 'em. Then I'll make that Phillips boy wish he was still pickin' cotton. He nevah shoulda' left the plantation."

The depths to which Terry Funk has plunged are immeasurable. His bitter ignorance is surpassed only by his cowardice. The hope in this corner is that Junkyard Dog will put the final nail in Funk's wrestling coffin. Perhaps with some time spent in the quiet comfort of his family, Funk will recognize the error of his recent days. □

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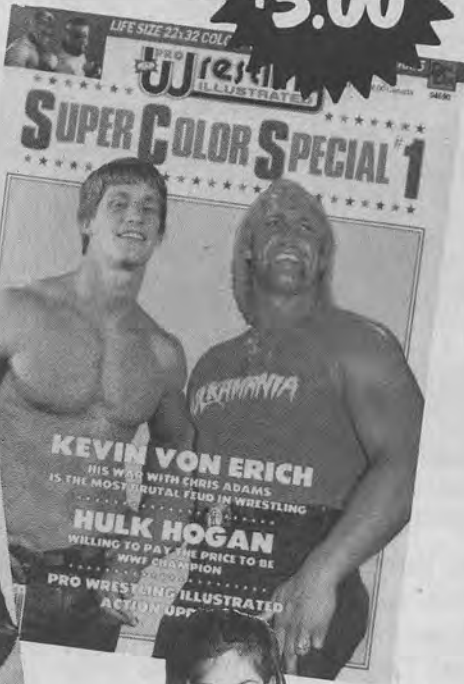
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RICK RUDE

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Rude's muscles strain as he tries to lug McDaniel around the ring during an Indian strap match.

"There's no way that we'd want to associate with scum like Rick Rude," he said, "especially not as some sort of bounty hunter. The media has blown the Brody thing all out of proportion, anyway; the Von Erich family *does not* hire mercenaries. We've done a good job of clearing rulebreakers out of Texas ourselves, and we'll do the same thing to Rude. We'll chase him out within three months. I don't know what kind of delusion he's under, but we *never* wanted him for *anything*!"

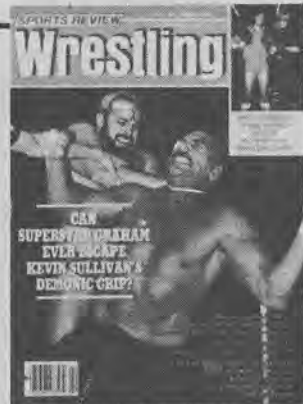
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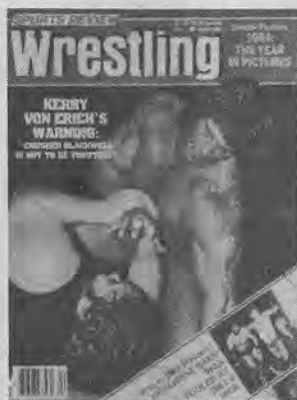
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RICK RUDE

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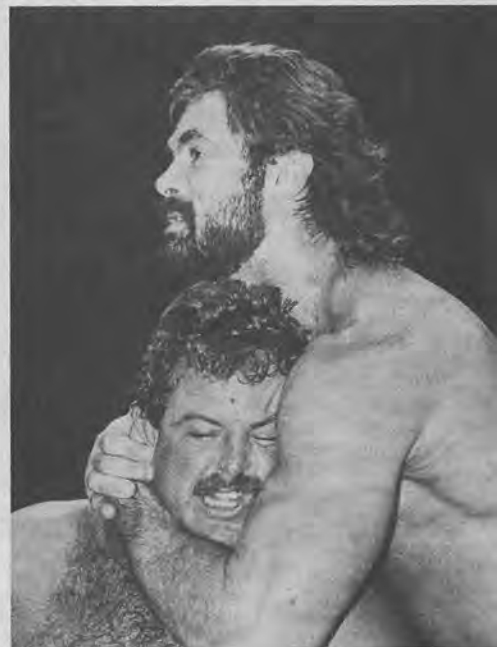


After Rude began his feud with Kevin Sullivan and started to hear the cheers of the fans, his career seemingly turned around. He shaved his beard and would not break a rule against clean wrestlers like Tyree Pride (above). Just before his change, Rude headlocks Graham (below).

“We had a lot of fun doing that. We had to sort through dozens of talented jerks to come up with a final 10. When we finished arguing about it, we decided that Rick Rude belonged at the top of the list. He’s strong, he’s smart, he’s incredibly agile, and to tell you the truth, he’s good-looking enough to please the fans. And at the top of the list, somebody—I think it was Lance—scrawled in big block letters, as a joke, ‘OUR FAVORITE BOUNTY HUNTERS.’ We looked at that and laughed again, because of the big Brody controversy.

“We drove out to wrestle after that, and when we got back, Brian was looking for the list, and he couldn’t find it. What I think happened is, somebody—maybe a maid or a porter, I don’t know who—took that list and spread a rumor that we would hire Rick Rude as a bounty hunter. I guess it got back to Rude, and he didn’t bother calling us to ‘confirm’ that we wanted him to come down to Texas!”

That last hypothesis of Kevin’s is realistic enough, according to Key Lip. “It happened one night after a match Rude had with Sullivan,” our source



confirms. “He didn’t even shower—he dialed up a charter plane on his Visa card and booked out of the state an hour later. The man’s always been impulsive. Everybody asked him where he was going, and all he said was, ‘The Von Erichs are gonna make me rich!’ Then we all said was ‘good riddance, garbage,’ and he left.”

What he is finding in Texas is anything but what he expected. □

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State Athletic Commission voted not to remove its ban on women wrestling ... Rookie sensation Kevin Sullivan rolled up an incredible victory streak in Georgia ... George "The



Kevin Sullivan performs an airplane spin early in his career. It is difficult to believe that this man is now worshipping the devil and trying to control people's minds.

Animal" Steele chipped a tooth biting into the muscular arm of Earl "Mr. Universe" Maynard ... Pacific Northwest champion Don Leo Jonathan won an eight-man battle royal in Mayeville, Washington, by disqualification when Bob Brown interfered ... Antonio Inoki and Shohei Baba toppled Johnny Valentine and Gene Kiniski in Tokyo, Japan ... In Chicago, Bobo Brazil and Bruiser fought to a no-contest with The Kangaroos ... In Tampa, Dory Funk Jr. retained his NWA title via disqualification over Jack Brisco ... In Boston, Pedro Morales and Gorilla Monsoon beat The Mongols ... Fritz Von Erich heard cheers for the first time in his career when he defeated Prof. Toru Tanaka in Dallas, Texas.

DEC 1975/ JAN 1976

WITH 20-20 HINDSIGHT, Jack Brisco admitted he made a very big mistake. Brisco was scheduled to defend his NWA championship against Dory Funk Jr. in Miami Beach on December 10. Bad airline connections, however, prevented Dory from appearing, and Terry



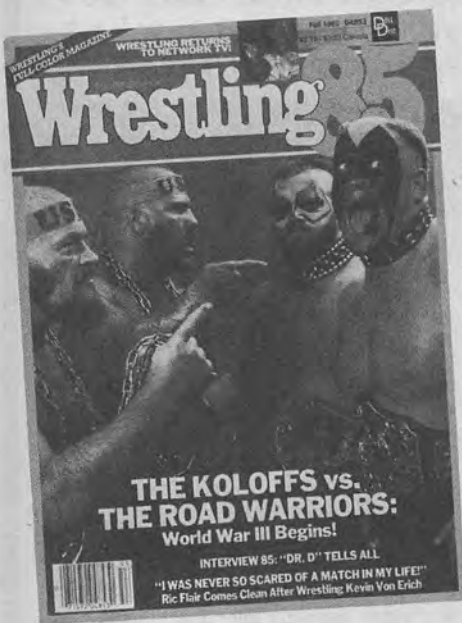
Terry Funk, a late substitute for his brother, Dory, captured the NWA World title from Jack Brisco in Miami Beach. Brisco said he should never have accepted Terry as an opponent.

Funk was offered as a substitute. Jack accepted. After each wrestler took one fall, it appeared that Brisco would win the match as he set Terry up for a figure-four leglock. Terry, however, grabbed Jack's right shoulder and cradled the champion for the victory. "I trained to wrestle Dory" Jack said. "I wasn't ready for Terry. I shouldn't have accepted the bout" ... In a bloody encounter in Boston, WWF champion Bruno Sammartino defeated Superstar Billy Graham by a foot. The two wrestlers battled outside the ring while the referee began his 20-count. Graham started back for the ring at 11, but Bruno grabbed him from behind. At the count of 17, Sammartino was

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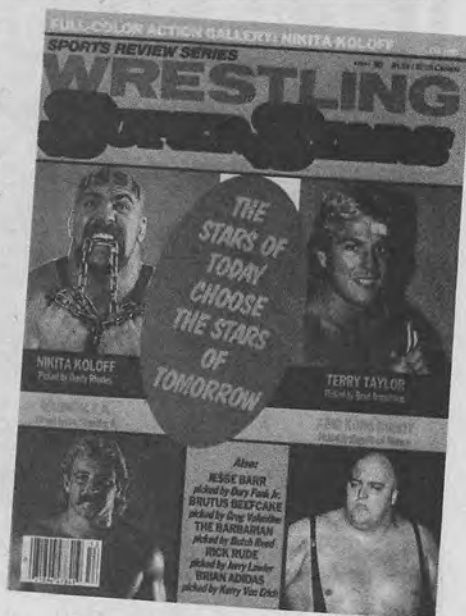
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back inside the ropes. By 19, Billy was halfway inside. As the count reached 20, Graham had made it back in, except for one foot. The match was awarded to Sammartino ... In his first month as champion, Nick Bockwinkel made two success-

out of the referee's sight and was declared the winner over Ivan Putski after 39 minutes in Philadelphia when Ivan was judged to be too weakened to continue ... NWA RATINGS: 1—Terry Funk; 2—Jack Brisco; 3—Harley Race; 4—Shohei



Nick Bockwinkel made it through a difficult first month as AWA champion, having to defend his title twice against former champion Verne Gagne.

ful title defenses of his AWA title against former champion Verne Gagne, ... Dick Slater and Bob Orton Jr. had a falling out and forfeited their Georgia tag team belts ... Mark Lewin threatened to break Killer Kox's skull ... Pampero Firpo moved up to the number-eight spot in the AWA ratings with a victory over Baron Von Raschke ... Jimmy and Johnny Valiant failed in two efforts to wrestle the AWA tag team belts from Bruiser and Crusher, because, as Jimmy said, "The referees are partial to our opponents" ... All in all, it was a bad month for the Brisco family, Jerry came ever so close to losing his right eye when Abdullah the Butcher inserted a long sharp object. "Thank goodness the referee was able to restrain him," Jerry said ... Ernie Ladd was clever enough to keep his foreign object

Baba; 5—Paul Jones; 6—Dory Funk Jr.; 7—Cyclone Negro; 8—The Sheik; 9—Jerry Lawler; 10—Mr. Wrestling II. WWF RATINGS: 1—Bruno Sammartino; 2—Superstar Graham; 3—Ivan Koloff; 4—Ernie Ladd; 5—Ivan Putski; 6—Spiros Arion; 7—Bugsy McGraw; 8—Haystacks Calhoun; 9—Dominic DeNucci; 10—Francisco Flores. AWA RATINGS: 1—Nick Bockwinkel; 2—Verne Gagne; 3—Billy Robinson; 4—Baron Von Raschke; 5—Bruiser; 6—Ox Baker; 7—Crusher; 8—Pampero Firpo; 9—Rene Goulet; 10—Bull Bullinski. TAG TEAMS: 1—Tony Parisi & Louis Cerdan; 2—Bruiser & Crusher; 3—The Valiant Brothers; 4—The Mongols; 5—Roger Kirby & Rip Hawk; 6—The Anderson Brothers; 7—The Infernos; 8—Cyclone & Omar Negro; 9—Ray Stevens & Nick Bockwinkel; 10—Pat Patterson & Pedro Morales.

DEC 1980/ JAN 1981

THE POPULARITY OF wrestling was never more in evidence than with the three cards that packed in over 95,000 people across the country. 41,000 howling fans lifted the rafters at Shea Stadium to see the culmination of pro wrestling's



Arnold Skaaland examines Bruno Sammartino's arm seconds after the "Living Legend's" cage match victory over Larry Zbyszko, the self-proclaimed "New Living Legend."

most heated feud. Bruno Sammartino and his former protege Larry Zbyszko had the huge crowd on its feet as they pitched their war inside a 10-foot cage. Bruno, his arm bloodied, leveled Zbyszko with several powerful forearms and left the cage the victor ... Before 20,000 fans in Tampa, Dusty Rhodes defeated NWA champion Harley Race one fall to none but was denied the title since the scheduled best-of-three falls match was stopped by the time limit in the second fall. Also on the card, Bob Backlund defended his WWF title successfully against Magnificent Muraco ... In front of 26,000 people in New Orleans's Superdome, Ted DiBiase defeated Mr. Wrestling II to retain his North American heavy-



Ted DiBiase, the eighth-rated wrestler in the NWA, retained his North American title with a victory over Mr. Wrestling II in front of 26,000 fans in the New Orleans Superdome.

weight title ... Andre the Giant and Hulk Hogan wrestled to a brutal draw ... Roddy Piper defeated Ric Flair for the U.S. title in Raleigh, North Carolina ... Barry Windham captured his first major title when he defeated Dory Funk Jr. for the Florida title ...

NWA RATINGS: 1—Harley Race; 2—Greg Valentine; 3—Dick Slater; 4—Dusty Rhodes; 5—Dennis Condrey; 5—Shohei Baba; 6—The Iron Sheik; 7—Ken Patera; 8—Ted DiBiase; 9—John Tolos; 10—Gino Hernandez.

WWF RATINGS: 1—Bob Backlund; 2—Sgt. Slaughter; 3—Hulk Hogan; 4—Larry Zbyszko; 5—Pedro Morales; 6—The Hangman; 7—Tony Atlas; 8—Pat Patterson; 9—Tony Garea; 10—Rick Martel.

AWA RATINGS: 1—Verne Gagne; 2—Nick Bockwinkel; 3—Crusher; 4—Crusher Blackwell; 5—Mad Dog Vachon; 6—Dino Bravo; 7—Jesse Ventura; 8—Greg Gagne; 9—Tito Santana; 10—John Studd.

TAG TEAMS: 1—The Samoans; 2—Ray Stevens & Jimmy Snuka; 3—Jesse Ventura & Adrian Adonis; 4—Mr. Wrestling I & II; 5—Jerry Brisco & Dick Murdoch; 6—Terry Gordy & Buddy Roberts; 7—The Assassins; 8—Kerry Von Erich & El Halcon; 9—Rick Steamboat & Jay Youngblood; 10—Bulldog Brower & Stan Stasiak. ☐

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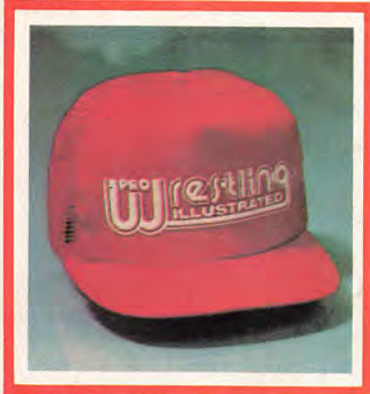
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